

FRIDAY MORNING

DUTCH MAY SOON BE WITH ALLIES

Blockading of Coast and Sinking of Steamer Bitterly Resented.

AWAIT REPLY BY U. S. Amsterdam Handelsblad Says War Declaration is Wilson's Course.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. Amsterdam, Feb. 1.—With her coast all but cut off by the latest blockade declarations of Germany, another of her ships sunk today as the first victim of the threatened "ruthless" war against commerce-bearing vessels in Holland. It is believed here, nevertheless, that the war on the side of the entente allies. This belief was strengthened today when The Handelsblad, the semi-official newspaper of the Dutch Government, declared that the German action in declaring a wholesale war on merchant vessels and the establishing of a submarine blockade around the greater part of European waters, particularly since Holland herself is practically isolated by the action as outlined in the report, sent the United States Government yesterday furnished the Dutch Government ample ground for joining hands with Germany's allies.

U. S. Must Declare War. The Handelsblad demands that Holland keep in touch with the other neutral nations in view of the fact that these nations are "blockaded" and declares that much will depend upon the attitude of the United States. In the opinion of The Handelsblad, if President Wilson stands by the not already sent to Germany on the subject of the continuance of attacks on merchant shipping the United States will be forced to declare war on Germany.

The feeling here against the central powers was intensified today when it was noted that the Berlin correspondent of The Cologne Gazette commented editorially as follows on the opening of the "ruthless submarine campaign": "The new submarine warfare of the German navy is being entered upon with the full knowledge of what the outcome may be—that outcome being assured success. Our Austro-Hungarian ally, with his brilliant naval force, is off ring active aid, and, in addition, our own government, considered everything which may result from the declaration of this campaign."

"We are calmly prepared for actions, and all objections to this move have been given up in the certainty of complete victory. The confidence of the German people will accompany our submarines on their plucky raids, which will bring us ultimate victory and peace."

Ruthlessness Move for Peace Vienna Newspaper Contents

Amsterdam, via London, Feb. 1.—The Vienna Fremdenblatt, a copy of which has been received here, in an editorial approves of a ruthless submarine offensive, which, it argues, will bring nearer peace, for which, it says, all neutrals are longing.

WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

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reckless, illegal, blood-thirsty, murderous use of submarines, she would have done it. She probably, however, believes that her object is to bring political, rather than military pressure against the allies, not only from those of their own subjects who are frightened, but from terrified neutrals.

The new submarine campaign also forms a crisis in the sea campaign, as the offensives last summer formed a crisis in the land campaign. The land offensives of the allies demonstrated that, with well trained troops and a lavish use of modern German defenses would fail, that the allies could attack and defeat the enemy in his chosen positions. The new crisis at sea consists of an attempt of Germany to destroy so many ships of the allies and neutrals that the military efforts of the allies on land will be so weakened and hampered that they will be unable to secure a clean-cut victory. The enemy estimates that a certain amount of damage is necessary to feed the allies, he believes that by increased submarine effort, he has a chance of reducing the margin between the present tonnage and the minimum amount required for existence, but at the same time he aims more at terrorism and what he calls the political than at gaining a military advantage.

Briefly, the Germans are going to continue what they have been doing with their submarines, only on a larger scale. Owing to an accident, caused by autumn storms, the submarine campaign has been set back, but the allies, many long ranged submarines got out to sea and they committed more depredations than they ever did before. The drinking of so much blood has whetted the appetite of the German tiger and he now believes that he can commit more wholesale depredations and murder than he has previously done. The exaggerated stories of coming frightfulness, circulated by German agents at Washington, have the purpose of intimidating the American Government, so that it will take no action against Germany. The spies of Berlin have studied the United States as they have studied England before the war, and as in the one case, so in the other they have decided that the United States will not risk war with Germany. By exaggerating the effect of German propaganda on the United States, mercenary people are merely confirming the reports of the German agents on the efficacy of their work.

As the chief benefit to the allies from American intervention in this submarine business has been to keep the enemy from destroying passenger ships, the reason for the throwing off of American shackles by Germany is therefore plainly to permit her to destroy passenger vessels. She will attempt more Lusitania cases, for the purposes of frightfulness. She intends to use her submarines as she planned to use the now defunct zeppelins, for the terrorizing of the allied peoples. If she had any real chances for success, the allies immediately off from overseas troops could have done it by sinking tramp steamers and by allowing passenger boats to proceed. It is upon the tramp steamer that Great Britain mainly depends for her trade. Germany has been destroying ships at the rate of ten thousand tons a day and the chief allied resort must be the speeding up of their construction work, so as to replace the tonnage.

Developing too great strength for the Germans, the Russians on the front, and in extremely cold weather and re-established their positions on the Kalzheim high road, clearing this region of the enemy. Thus the Russians demonstrate their superiority over the German infantry. On the southern end of their line in Rumania, the Russians threw back the Germans after three counter-attacks failed to regain the heights east of Jacobson, captured the preceding day in a battle. In this advance, the Russians took more than one thousand prisoners.

WILSON'S ANSWER COMING TODAY

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dor Gerard and the whole embassy staff from Berlin and the closing of the German embassy here. Inasmuch as any action by the United States would be directed against Germany as a nation, and not against her ambassador as an individual, it was thought unlikely that a severance would be announced by the delivery of passports to Count Von Bernstorff, but would be preceded by formal notification to Berlin of the American government's decision. The delivery of passports to the ambassador would be as a formality of the future.

Germany's view, as expressed here, is that neutrals should not object to the German blockade inasmuch as they have been unable to raise the British blockade, American ships venturing into the barred zones, it frankly was said, would be in danger of being sunk, but it was declared that Germany and her allies would give up the campaign of ruthlessness, should neutrals acting together cause Great Britain to raise her blockade or should there be a peace conference.

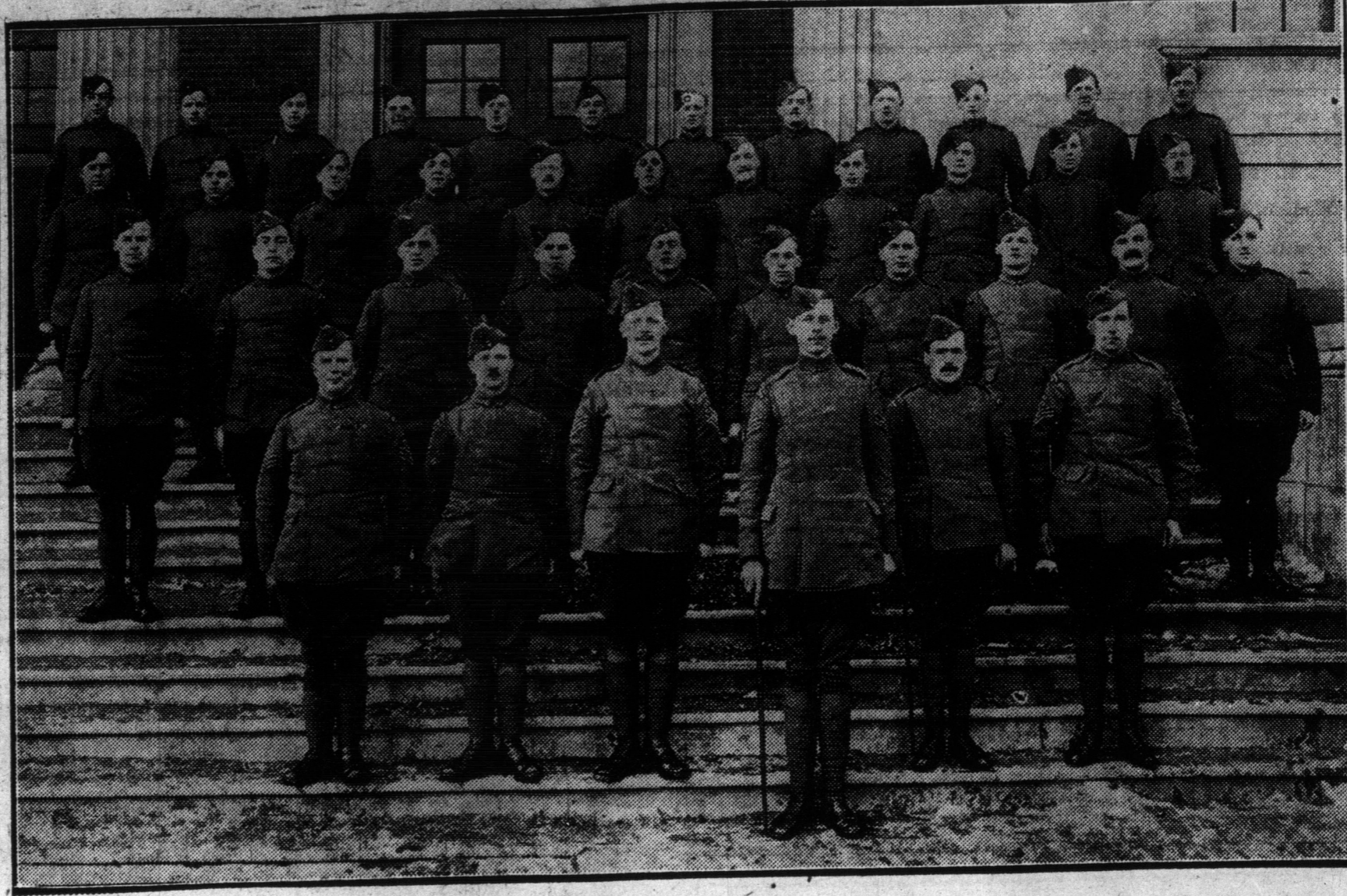
Austria and Turkey are expected to make similar war zone declarations. The first notification that Austria has made to Germany was in "news" dispatches from Paris. No official announcement had reached here tonight. The only announcement, the German ambassador made today was to deny a published report that he had told a friend he expected to receive his passports within 48 hours, has denied his best to discourage them from going to Europe.

Chairman Stone of the senate foreign relations committee, who has been in St. Louis, telegraphed to the White House that he was hurrying back and would arrive at 1 p.m. tomorrow. Cabinet Meets Today. The usual cabinet meeting will be held tomorrow afternoon, when for the first time all the members may know definitely of the president's attitude. Col. E. M. House spent the day here, but left tonight for New York. In addition to a long talk with the president he saw Secretary Lansing, Counsellor Polk of the state department, Secretary McAdoo and Postmaster-General Burleson.

General Burleson declared that the president had made no arrangements for going before congress, but it was considered possible that he might decide to adopt this step at any time. Delay is impossible. It is reported that the announcement of the American policy will be made tomorrow afternoon under the circumstances is almost impossible to conceive. It possibly will take the form of a statement by President Wilson to the press, since the entire situation before congress in an address to be delivered tomorrow. Coincident with the news, Ambassador Gerard will be handed his passports, it is believed, and Ambassador Gerard will be recalled.

Every hint that permeated from official circles today showed that the president is angered and outraged by the abrupt action taken by Germany. About the same time a bellicose hint was thrown out that drastic action could be expected at any time.

STAFF OF INSTRUCTORS FOR CANADIAN AVIATORS



This is the group of aviators who have come from England to instruct Canadian airmen--Their officers have not all reached Toronto as yet

HUN CHANCELLOR DEFENDS COURSE

Germany Must Use Best and Sharpest Weapon to Win War.

TAKING SERIOUS STEP

Fatherland's Existence is at Stake, Reichstag is Told.

Berlin, Jan. 31. via London, Feb. 1.—The Reichstag today heard Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg, in concluding his speech in the Reichstag, said: "The admiralty staff and the high seas fleet deciding the firm conviction, a conviction which has practical support in the experience gained in U-boat cruiser warfare, that Great Britain will be brought to peace by arms. Our allies agree with our views. Austria-Hungary adhere to our procedure also in practice. Just as we lay a blockade area around Great Britain and the west coast of France, in which we will try to prevent all shipping traffic to the enemy countries. Austria-Hungary declares a blockaded area around Italy. To all neutral countries a free path for mutual intercourse is left outside the blockaded areas. To America we offer, as we did in 1915, safe passenger traffic under definite conditions, even with Great Britain." The chancellor here read the note to the United States and said that corresponding notes had been sent to the other neutral states. He concluded as follows: "No one among us will close his eyes to the seriousness of the step we are taking. That our existence is at stake everyone knows, since August, 1914, and this has been brutally emphasized by the rejection of our peace offers. When in 1914, we had to seize and have recourse to the sword against Russia's general mobilization, we did so with the deepest sense of responsibility towards our people and conscious of resolute strength, which says: "We must, and therefore, we can, repel the streams of blood that have been shed, but they have not washed away the 'must' and the 'can.' "It now decides to employ our best and sharpest weapon, we are guided solely by sober consideration of all circumstances that come into the question, and by the firm determination to help our people out of the distress and disgrace which our enemies contemplate for them. Success lies in a higher aim, but as regards all that human strength can do to effect force success for the fatherland, he assured, gentlemen, that nothing has been neglected. Everything in this respect will be done."

PROVISION BEING MADE FOR CANADIANS RETURN

General Carson Will Establish a Department to Get Soldiers Home.

Canadian Associated Press Cable. London, Feb. 1.—The Canadian Press correspondent understands that General Carson is being placed in charge of the demobilization of the Canadian army. The tremendous work which will be involved in getting the many hundreds of thousands of men back to their homes demands that a department should be established forthwith, so as to prevent the great waste which a hasty organization and its resulting confusion would inevitably produce.

BRITISH CRUISER IS ATTACKED BY U-BOAT

Buenos Aires, Feb. 1.—The British cruiser Amethyst, one of the squadron searching for German submarines in the south Atlantic, was attacked by a submarine, according to the Pernambuco newspaper, Jornal Pequeno, but repelled the attack. The cruiser then touched at Pernambuco to repair, and to the extent of the damage is not exactly known. The newspaper declares that the British consul admitted the attack on the Amethyst, although the ship bore no evidence of having been in an engagement.

British Press Comment

London, Feb. 2.—"Prussianism gone mad." "Bethmann becomes convert to Clausewitz." These are themes of the London leader writers this morning, who, however, generally express the greatest sympathy with President Wilson. "In his patient struggle to keep his country out of war."

Under the caption, "What Would Lincoln Do?" The Morning Post says: "President Wilson has been praying for peace with a fervor and eloquence we cannot sufficiently admire. Now his prayers are answered by the most resolute declaration ever issued by a war lord since the days of Genghis Khan. It is flat defiance, if not provocation. The president, at all events, cannot be blamed and cannot blame himself for any lack of patience or conciliation. It is a terrible position for a humane, well-meaning man to be driven towards war by the relentless logic of a savage belligerent. "Lincoln on the bloody field of Gettysburg expressed the national high resolve to be content with no compromise which would render their sacrifices in vain. That is the true spirit of the American people, and their patience under an affront should not deceive us. Let us rest assured that in the long run, American honor is safe in American hands."

"Seeing another chance of escaping defeat," says The Daily Chronicle. "The German Government has embraced this one, under the delusion that it outrages the whole neutral world." "The British people have never wanted the United States brought into the war, but it is difficult to see how the United States can take this note lying down, and it is certain that if the Americans feel obliged to join the war they would bring a welcome addition in man power, energy and resources to help the allies against the barbarism of Prussia."

WILSON MUST NOW PERCEIVE MISTAKE

Paris Temps Points Out How Love of Peace Betrayed Him.

ALLIES ESCAPED TRAP

Insincerity of Hun Peace Offers is Now Clearly Revealed.

Paris, Feb. 1.—"Germany has repelled to President Wilson's message," says The Temps. "It is not, however, to make known its peace conditions as it had been invited to do, but to announce new measures of war. Since the tentative offer of the four central powers towards peace failed by reason of the appetite for conquest of their adversaries, the German Empire considers it a duty to its conscience and its people to have recourse to all means to hasten the end of the war. That is why the German Empire has abolished all the restriction he had imposed on himself in the use of his means of warfare at sea."

Wilson counted upon bringing Germany to define its conditions of peace. Count von Bernstorff brings him nothing but generalities in construction with the facts, and new reasons for the conflict. "For love of peace Mr. Wilson did not go to the extreme limit of the principles he championed. He contented himself with securing recognition for the liberty of American citizens to travel by sea, and had obtained the promise that German submarines should look out for the lives of the crews and passengers. Of all that Germany makes a clean sweep under the pretext that the allies who have loyally communicated their conditions of peace, refuse to negotiate with their adversaries until the latter have spoken with the same precision. "Germany declares that she will no longer restrict in any way the destructive fury of her pirates. This blackmail exposes the trap into which we should have fallen had we repelled to Germany's appeal. It will also dis-

PROBLEM GRAVE CARSON ASSERTS

Menace Created by Submarines Not One to Be Ignored.

ADMIRALTY TIRELESS

Every Effort is Being Made to Grapple With the Situation.

London, Feb. 1.—Sir Edward Carson, first lord of the admiralty, referred to Germany's new submarine campaign in a letter excusing himself from addressing a war loan meeting tonight on account of indisposition. He wrote: "We are daily threatened with increasing acts of barbarity on the high seas by the enemy, who has long substituted the practice of pirates for the laws of nations. I do not deprecate myself nor will I attempt to deprecate you about the dangers of the German submarine campaign. "These ruthless, inhuman attacks upon the peaceful shipping of the world have created for us and our allies a problem as difficult as it is grave. But this, at least, I can say—the problem is being grappled with day and night by the admiralty with tireless vigor and our hourly anxieties only stir us on to greater unceasing effort."

SAILINGS FROM BOSTON UNAFFECTED BY THREAT

No Orders Have Been Received to Hold Vessels in Port.

Boston, Feb. 1.—Germany's submarine threat apparently had no effect on shipping at this port today. Foreign steaming line agencies stated that no orders were received to hold vessels in port. There were few foreign steamers in the harbor, but several are on the way here from overseas ports, and many liners from Boston are now close to the restricted zone.

John H. Thomas, head of the International Mercantile Marine Company in this city, said that he attached no importance to the German note. It was his opinion that the Germans had been sinking every ship they could sink. So far as Mr. Thomas was aware, the new threat would not interfere with sailings of the lines controlled by his company.

RUSSIANS BEAT FOE EAST OF JACOBIEN

Repulse Three Counter-Attacks—Take Thousand Prisoners in Battle.

ADVANCE BEFORE RIGA

Czar's Troops Recapture Sector Lost on Kalzheim Road.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. London, Feb. 1.—Standing firm against three German counter-attacks, the Russians defeated the enemy at the heights east of Jacobien and southwest of Kimpolung, captured the previous day, according to today's Russian official communications. Tuesday's battle, a battle, when the Russians captured the heights, they took more than 1000 prisoners and also one gun, some mine throwers and ten machine guns. In his counter-attacks the enemy suffered severely and he was thrown back. The Russians also made a successful advance near Kalzheim, on the northern end of their front, southwest of Riga. They cleared the sector of the Kalzheim high road entirely of the enemy, recapturing their trenches in despite of asphyxiating gas, severe frost and obstinate German resistance. In the Caucasus a snowstorm continues along the entire front. "In the Black Sea, our warships captured near Anzolia five boats, including three motor boats."

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FIRE DEPARTMENT NOT TO BE IGNORED

Chief Guerin's Recommendation Is Turned Down on Plea of Economy.

Special to The Toronto World. Kitchener, Feb. 1.—The fire and light committee of the city council, which turned down the recommendation of Fire Chief Guerin for the addition of more men to the local department on the plea of economy. Ald. Reid strongly criticized the action of the members of the committee who turned down his motion to adopt the chief's recommendation, stating that it is poor economy to handicap the city's fire protection equipment and thus give ratepayers the expense of raising higher taxes. The chief's recommendation for 1000 feet of additional hose was cut down to 500 feet. The committee expressed indignation at the rough handling given to his own recommendations. The note forwarded to Bethmann-Hollweg's speech of August, 1914, defending the new menace it would prove invaluable to the allies. But officially Great Britain remains aloof regarding the German challenge to America. 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