

United States on the Verge of War With Germany

German Ambassador Has Been Dismissed and Gerard Recalled From Berlin

On Saturday President Wilson and his Cabinet decided to break all diplomatic relations with Germany and Count Bernstorff was ordered to leave the country at once, Gerard, the American Ambassador at Berlin was also called home. Whether this move will lead to war is yet undecided as it will depend upon Germany's acts in carrying out her threats. Seldom does an act like this occur without war following. The United States is taking every precaution and action in case war follows.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—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 suggested to all the other neutrals that they break off diplomatic relations with Germany, as the United States has done, and has instructed all American diplomats in those countries to report immediately how the suggestion is received. The opinion in diplomatic circles here is that European neutrals on 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 tence waiting which followed the actual announcement yesterday of the break with Germany.

News that the American steamer Housatonic had not been sunk without proper warning, and that no lives had been lost, dispelled a cloud which threatened the storm to follow the first act against the United States under the new war zone order.

STILL HOPEFUL OF AVOIDING WAR

Still hopeful that Germany will not ruthlessly sacrifice American lives or rights, the Administration is awaiting developments, but leaving nothing undone to prepare the country for the eventuality of war.

The situation as to Austria is tonight unchanged. There is no doubt, however, that diplomatic relations will be broken with her when she announces her intention to adhere to Germany's course.

PROTECT AMERICAN CITIES AND PROPERTY

Steps to protect American cities against attack by foreign sympathizers are day and night going forward, actively, although silently. Preparations to prevent the disabling of German war-bound ships in American ports are being taken, but they are announced. The question of convoying American ships on their voyages to the submarine zone is undecided although the first impressions is to let American ships proceed in a usual lawful way on the assumption that Germany has been warned that an overt act means war.

WOLFVILLE

Mr. A. H. Chipman, of St. John, was a visitor at the home of Dr Archibald, last week.

Mrs. Gerald Bauld entertained the Knitting Club on Tuesday.

Mrs. Robert O. Chisholm has returned from a visit at Windsor. Miss Boak, of Halifax, has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Morrison.

The death of Jessie Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Farris, took place Jan. 25th., aged 14 years. She will be much missed in a family which is now considerable separate. One sister Annie is in Boston; Bessie, in Truro and Pearl at home. James and Winfield are members of the 85th. Batt., and Harry in the Home Guards.

Ex Councillor R. F. Reed had a number of callers at his home last Wednesday, when he was celebrating his 83rd. birthday. On behalf of his many friends, Mr. B. O. Davidson presented Mr. Reed with a silver mounted hot water bottle and an address. A very pleasant evening was spent.

Lieut. George McGregor of Wolfville, member of the 112th has been officially reported killed, the former report being missing.

Mrs. Wm. Chipman has been visiting at Middleton.

Rev. G. F. Kingston of Kings College preached in St. John's Church, Cornwallis, on Sunday.

The Presbyterian ladies are arranging for a Valentine bazaar. Captain Gordon A. Barss, who is well known in Wolfville, was among the recent list of names for honorable mention sent to England by Commander Sir Douglas Haig. Captain Barss is serving with the Durham Light Infantry and is from Dartmouth, grandson of the late J. W. Barss, Esq.

WOLFVILLE TOWN ELECTIONS

In these strenuous war times the town of Wolfville has considered it not advisable to go to the expense and excitement of a civic contest so all the vacancies to the Council Chamber have been filled by acclamation.

Mr. J. E. Hales who has had a long and unbroken record as councillor has been elected by acclamation as Mayor. No man understands town matters better than he. The Councillors elected by acclamation are Messrs. A. V. Rand reelected, T. L. Harvey and Dr. Avery DeWitt.

A \$325,000 SUGGESTION

The purchase at the astonishing price of £65,000 of the 27-year-old, 500-ton wooden schooner Edith S. Cummings, which is lying at Fisguard with her keel stove in, threatens to initiate a boom in wooden ships.—English paper.

WEDDING BELLS

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A quiet wedding took place at Port Williams on Wednesday, January 24 at the residence of Warden C. A. and Mrs. Campbell. The contracting parties were Mr. Talford B. Messinger formerly of Tremont now engaged in farming in the Canadian West and Mrs. William H. Masters, sister of Mrs. Campbell. Only a few of the immediate friends were present the ceremony being performed by Rev. A. J. Proser. Luncheon was served and Mr. and Mrs. Messinger took the afternoon train for Halifax. They returned the following Monday being summoned by the death of Sadie Masters who had long been most attentively cared for by Mrs. Messinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Messinger are for the present residing at her home at Church St. They have the best wishes of a large circle of friends.

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Mrs. H. G. Harris is visiting Mrs. Manning Ellis at Belcher St.

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FRENCH BOMBARD THE ENEMY'S BARRACKS

Paris, Feb. 1.—"Patrol encounters occurred at various points along the front, especially east of Rheims and in the region of Alkitch," says today's official communication "Elsewhere the night was calm."

Adjutant Madon yesterday brought down his fifth German airplane. Last night one of our aerial squadrons bombarded the railway station and enemy storehouses at Marchy and Voyannes and also some barracks to the East of Nestle. One of our airplanes armed with a cannon fired fifty shells upon barracks of the enemy at Messnel-Nicalse and at Berly, on the Somme."

The communication issued by the War Office tonight reads: "There was no event of importance in the course of this day, except a somewhat lively artillery action at Hartmanns-Wellerkopf and east of Metzeral."

The Belgian communication: "The activity of German patrols during the night was everywhere repulsed. The German artillery was very active in the regions of Het Sas and in the direction of Dixmude. Artillery actions occurred in the sectors of Ramscapele, Pervyse and Noordschoote."

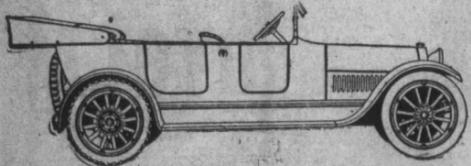
BORN

Allen—At Prince County Hospital, Summerside, P. E. I. on January 28th, a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Allen.

Several cases of diphtheria were announced at Morristown recently.

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