

PATRIOTIC FUND CAMPAIGN PASSES \$32,000 ON FIRST DAY

Germany Allows Departure of U. S. Ambassador Gerard From Berlin

Washington Adheres to Policy of Hopeful Waiting—Huns' Threat to Detain Ambassador Gerard May Cause Trouble

Washington, Feb. 7.—Reports that German authorities have decided to hold Ambassador Gerard in Berlin until assured of good treatment of Count von Bernstorff by the Washington government threw a new element into the German-American situation today. Officials were hopeful, however, that Great Britain's promise of safe conduct for the German ambassador and his party for the sea trip home, will speedily remove any possible intention of detaining the American representative. Confirmation of the reported detention was sought at the state department today.

The government is still waiting for some act of Germany which might make relations suddenly more serious, but it was stated last night after the cabinet meeting that nothing had occurred to change that attitude. The next step of the United States, if one should be necessary, will be taken without addressing any communication to Germany, it was declared authoritatively.

Prepares for War.

Congress and all executive departments of the government were progressing today in their preparations for any eventuality. It is this activity which has surprised Entente diplomats, and caused them to day to emphasize their hope that the United States will not actually go to war. They fear a declaration of war would harm the Entente cause by stopping the export of munitions.

The state department today hoped to receive early replies from some neutrals to President Wilson's proposal that they join the United States in severing relations with Germany, but it was indicated that no such word had been received so far.

Austrian Situation.

A break with Austria seemed to depend mainly on the reply of Ambassador Penfield at Vienna to the State Department's inquiry concerning details of the Austrian submarine note, which officials now admit has been received.

War Measures.

In the Senate the resolution approving the break with Germany was to be called up today. Its adoption appeared certain, but not without debate. Secretary of the Navy Daniels today urged immediate congressional action looking to establishment of a government monopoly upon radio plants. The naval bill with its \$15,000,000 additions made by the House yesterday, was still before that body today and debate on the army bill is likely to start late this week, following passage of the naval measure.

Americans in Germany.

Amsterdam, via London, Feb. 7.—According to The Berlin Tageblatt, the American embassy officials in Berlin have ascertained that there are 2,600 American citizens in Germany. There are only about 350 Americans in Berlin.

Seizure of Hun Ships a Hostile Act by U. S.

Charge Made by German Diplomat—Denmark and Switzerland Will Not Act With U. S.

Amsterdam, via London, Feb. 7.—Count von Reventlow, commenting in The Tages Zeitung on reports that the United States had seized German vessels in American ports declares that such a step would have no effect on the German submarine war, which can only be influenced by the question of military usefulness. The writer adds that such a seizure of German vessels would be a hostile act without any legal justification and that further information is awaited.

Denmark Differs.

Copenhagen, via London, Feb. 7.—It is stated in reliable quarters that the Danish Government has decided that it cannot follow the example of the United States in breaking relations with Germany. A note will be sent to Washington explaining the position of Denmark and calling attention to the fact that conferences between representatives of the three Scandinavian countries as to their international interests are being continued at Stockholm.

Swiss Stand.

Geneva, Switzerland, Feb. 6.—via



A Slacker—"I don't know which way to go. The United States may get into this war pretty soon, too."

New Weapon Found in the Submarine Says Hungarian Premier; Teutons Fight For Their Existence and For Peace

London, Feb. 7.—Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent sends a Budapest despatch containing the following extracts from the speech of Count Tisza, the Hungarian Premier in the lower house of the Hungarian parliament, with regard to unrestricted submarine warfare:

A NEW WEAPON

"We have to do with a new weapon, which is employed in this war for the first time. General international regulations affecting naval warfare must, therefore, be adapted to a submarine warfare, and this must be done with due consideration for the special nature of this weapon.

"The question only becomes an actual one in cases of blockade. Some legal principles cannot be employed regarding submarines as in the case of other vessels enforcing a blockade, especially as our enemies have armed their merchantmen for aggressive purposes, and have even encouraged them.

It also appears that the entire question already is eclipsed by the lawless extension of mine fields. Our enemies have blockaded the most important trade routes by mines, by which the entire neutral sea commerce is most seriously endangered. "If this has been permitted, and if neutrals have not protested against it why should it also be permissible to blockade certain areas by submarines? Moreover, our enemies have employed this increased submarine warfare long ago against us. All our cargo and passenger steamers which have fallen victims to enemy submarines have been torpedoed without previous warning. "Against our standpoint only the United States has protested. It is now a question of defending our threatened existence with all the justified means at our disposal, the means which are calculated to guarantee us success and frustrate this inhuman and criminal plot."

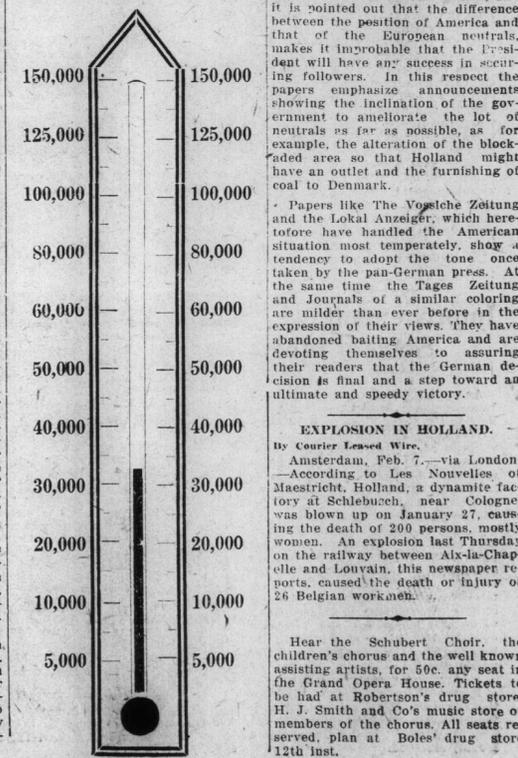
Germany Apprehensive No Longer of America

Although Wilson is Criticized by Teuton Press, Situation is Viewed With Defiant Indifference

By Courier Leased Wire.

Berlin, Feb. 6.—via London, Feb. 7.—The afternoon newspapers devote columns to news from America. Editorially the papers lay particular stress on President Wilson's move to induce Switzerland and other neutrals to follow his lead. The comments are to be noted in general, although President Wilson personally is more sharply attacked than before and his peace efforts are ridiculed as utterly inconsistent with what is

WATCH THE MERCURY CLIMB FOR THE PATRIOTIC FUND!



VICTORY CAMPAIGN FOR THE PATRIOTIC FUND IS OFF TO A BIG SWING ON OPENING DAY

First Days' Receipts Were a Little Over \$32,000—Captains and Teams are All Working Splendidly—An Auction Sale of Eggs at the Night Supper

The "Victory" campaign in this city for \$150,000 towards the Patriotic Fund started out yesterday with the swing of success. The total secured yesterday, the first of the three day campaign was \$32,228. For a starter it was considered excellent and no one doubts that the ultimate goal will be reached in the next two days. It will mean though that all classes of citizens must give to the best of their ability and then some.

The first day was largely one of organization and the fruits of that are bound to appear to-day and tomorrow. The teams are all working splendidly and every Captain is proving himself to be a hustler with a big "H" and his men are also in the same class. In one or two instances the war tax has been urged as a reason for not giving more. As a matter of fact gifts to the Patriotic Fund exempt that much from taxation.

Let it be repeated that all the workers at the suppers each evening pay for what they get out of their own pockets. Not one cent is levied against the Fund for the purpose and the quarters are generously provided free by Mr. Frank Cockshutt.

Last evening at the banquet the sum of \$125 was realized by the auction of ten dozen eggs. Mr. W. S. Brewster announced receipt of a telegram from Hon. Mr. McGarry, Provincial Treasurer, announcing \$100,000 for campaign expenses in the Province, Brantford included.

There was a large attendance of workers at the supper. At the publicity table there was a large glass bowl containing ten dozen eggs and with a hen and rooster mounting guard. Much wonder was expressed as to the object; everyone knew later. After the good things had been discussed, Mr. Scott of the Publicity Committee read the following poem:

I cannot go to the front,
For my feet won't pass the test;

GERARD HAS LEFT GERMANY

American Ambassador Allowed to Depart, Reaches Switzerland

By Courier Leased Wire. Washington, Feb. 7.—The State department has received a report that American Ambassador Gerard has reached Berne, Switzerland.

From European sources outside of Germany, the government has learned that the German government actually did consider Mr. Gerard practically as a hostage until it received advices from Washington detaining the arrangements made for the safe departure of Count von Bernstorff.

The arrival of Mr. Gerard in Berne, was announced in a despatch from him to Ambassador Willard in Madrid, who forwarded it without further information to the State department.

You have doubtless attended the concerts of the Schubert Choir in former years. Now don't miss this one, you'll be more-than-pleased. Admission only 50c. Tickets of the choir members.

Child Burned to Death by Matches

The fondness for playing with matches that is common with all children, was responsible for the death of little Jessie Biggs, whose clothes became ignited yesterday at the home of her parents, 18 Durham street. Dr. Gamble was summoned, and the child was hurriedly conveyed to the hospital where everything possible was done to relieve her suffering. In spite of all, however, she passed away later. The funeral will take place to-morrow.

Irwin S. Armstrong left this morning for Toronto to attend the funeral of his brother Robert, an old Brantford boy.

Weather Bulletin

Toronto, Feb. 7.—The weather has been mostly fair over the Dominion with no very low temperature and in Saskatchewan and Alberta it has been quite mild. A moderate disturbance is moving eastward across northern Ontario.

Forecasts Strong south-west winds, cloudy with light snow falls. Thursday, strong westerly to northerly winds, mostly fair and turning colder with local snow flurries.



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