

FLURRY IN WASHINGTON OVER NOTE TO BRITAIN

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PUBLICATION OF SYNOPSIS OF NOTE SENT TO GREAT BRITAIN CAUSES FLURRY AT CAPITAL.

Washington Confident England Will Take Steps to Remove Causes for Complaint—Talk of Reprisals and Suggested Embargo—Government Embarrassed in Dealing With Matter by Action of Some Shippers in Concealing Contraband Among Non-contraband Articles.

Washington, Dec. 29.—President Wilson today appealed to American shippers of non-contraband goods, such as cotton, not to allow their cargoes to be mixed with contraband articles. The United States government, he announced, could deal confidently with the difficulties which had arisen in the treatment of American commerce by Great Britain only if supported by absolutely honest manifests.

This statement followed a discussion by the President with his cabinet today of the general shipping situation and of the note despatched yesterday to Great Britain protesting at length against the British policy of prolonged detentions of cargoes and other interference with American trade.

Publication of a synopsis of the note, the contents of which was confirmed at the White House and State Department, aroused much interest, not only in diplomatic circles, but in Congress and official quarters generally. Many diplomats of European and South American countries made formal inquiries at the State Department concerning the note, and were promised a memorandum on the subject.

There was a confident feeling in diplomatic quarters that steps would be taken by leading nations of this hemisphere, as well as by some European neutrals, to point out to Great Britain their acquiescence in the American point of view.

Non-Debatable From American Viewpoint, Writers Say.

From the way the President discussed the situation with cabinet members, it was evident that the Washington government had spoken firmly of its desire for an improvement in the conditions of neutral commerce, and was prepared to insist on its rights. The President declared that the theory expounded by the United States in its note was from the American point of view hardly debatable, as England had adhered, in previous wars, to the contentions now advanced by the Washington government.

During the cabinet meeting, it was suggested that in order to support the American government in its effort to protest cargoes of non-contraband goods, shippers and shipping companies should be warned against concealment of doubtful articles on the same ships. The White House then issued its suggestion to American shippers to be careful to label manifests describing their cargoes. The President said the great embarrassment to the government in dealing with the whole matter was that some shippers had concealed contraband in their cargoes of non-contraband articles. So long as there were instances of that kind, the President added, suspicion would be cast on every shipment, and all cargoes were liable to doubt and to search.

Two Specific Cases that Justified Britain's Action.

State Department officials said later that there were two cases in which this had occurred, and that Great Britain

LOSS OF FRENCH SUBMARINE IS CONFIRMED

Paris, Dec. 29.—The Ministry of Marine today issued an announcement confirming the loss of the French submarine Curie in Austrian waters, as has been previously reported in newspaper despatches.

The text of the announcement follows: "The French submarine Curie was sent alone into the harbor of Pola, the Austrian naval base, against certain Austrian warships. Not having returned within the time expected, the Ministry of Marine assumed that the information of the foreign press is correct, namely, that the Curie has been sunk and her crew taken prisoners."

The Curie was 167 feet long and carried a complement of twenty-four men.

PRINCE HENRY TO COMMAND GERMAN BATTLESHIP FLEET

London, Dec. 29.—Berlin despatch received by the Exchange Telegraph Company, by way of The Hague, says that the German Emperor summoned Prince Henry of Prussia to his headquarters to confer with him and Admiral Von Tirpitz, Minister of Marine, on the British raid on Cuxhaven. The conference lasted several hours, the Prince returning to Kiel by special train.

It is believed in Germany, the despatch adds, that Prince Henry is to be given supreme command of the battleship fleet.

MONTREAL DEPARTMENT STORE PASSES INTO AMERICAN HANDS

Montreal, Dec. 29.—The business of Scroggie Limited, the large department store which went into liquidation with liabilities at \$700,000, has been sold to Mr. E. S. Almy and Henry Wolf of Salem, Mass., for thirty-five percent of the dollar. The business of the concern will be carried on as usual.

BEGIN RECRUITING EXTRAS FOR PRINCESS PATRICIA REGIMENT

Montreal, Dec. 29.—Indications that the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry are about to go into action are found by local officers in the fact that an order has been received to begin the recruiting of an extra one hundred and twenty officers and men for this regiment. Men in the second contingent are to be given a chance to transfer. The reinforcements were sent to England as soon as possible and be used to fill up the ranks of the regiment as they are depleted.

\$50,000 RESIDENCE OF F. B. M'CURDY, ON NORTH WEST ARM, BURNED

Halifax, Dec. 29.—"Oaklands," a massive brick private residence on the shores of the North West Arm, which was recently purchased by F. B. M'Curdy, M. P., was destroyed by fire tonight. The building was valued at about \$50,000. It was unoccupied and the origin of the fire is a mystery. The building was constructed many years ago for the late Sir William Currier.

MORE "MISFITS" FROM SALISBURY PLAINS ARRIVE AT HALIFAX

Halifax, Dec. 29.—The Uranium liner Principe, which arrived here today from Avonmouth brought 24 invalids and 17 "misfits" from the Canadian force at Salisbury Plains. The invalids were in uniform, but the others were not.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS

THE GREAT URINARY TRACT REMEDY

23 THE PHARMACY

WOE TO GERMAN RAIDER WHO STANDS IN TOWNS ON COAST OF ENGLAND

Proclamations Forbid Civilians to Leave Homes After Dark, But Majority of Citizens go About Armed and Confident they Can Take Care of Themselves.

West Hartlepool, England, Dec. 29.—(Correspondence from the Associated Press)—English east coast towns are on the alert since the German raid upon Scarborough, Whitby and the Hartlepool. Notwithstanding the power of the British navy to keep German away from England, every preparation is being made for the reappearance of German raiders, if not the landing of German troops.

The Mayors of the Hartlepool and the other stricken towns have organized committees to confer with him and Admiral Von Tirpitz, Minister of Marine, on the British raid on Cuxhaven. The conference lasted several hours, the Prince returning to Kiel by special train.

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CHILDREN WITH HEADS BLOWN OFF FOUND IN STREETS

Two of the invading cruisers were struck by shots which inflicted injuries visible from shore.

Persons who sought cellars during the bombardment practically all escaped injuries. Many of the deaths were in the streets. Children with their heads blown off entirely were found in streets in various parts of the two cities. In some of the houses which were destroyed very slight traces could be found of persons known to have been in upstairs bedrooms at the time of the bombardment. One entire family of seven members was so completely wiped out that the skeletal remains of all were collected into one coffin.

Scarborough had no artillery to reply to the guns of the German cruisers, so that not a shot was fired in resistance. There were no field guns there, nor had there been any attempt to make fortifications to resist shell fire.

A Home Guard Organization is forming in Yorkshire among civilians whose duties or age stand in the way of enlistment in the army. Its object is to repel invaders. But the question arises whether the Germans would shoot armed civilians who might be captured for their Home Guard work, or whether they would distinguish between civilians and soldiers.

PRESS COMMENT ON U. S. NOTE OF PROTEST

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of the Baltic and of the Mediterranean and could doubtless make it effective. That would require neutral states and would make an end of sea-trading with Germany."

London Press Comments.

All the morning newspapers comment at length on the American government's note to Great Britain concerning the treatment that is being accorded American commerce by the British fleet, and agree that the American protest should be met by the British government in the same spirit of friendly good will as is shown by the note. Generally, however, the newspapers are inclined to regard the actual text of the note before indulging in detailed criticism of it.

In the meantime they point out that the note is a serious one, and that the conduct of war must occasion to the world's commerce. In any case, they say, Great Britain was not responsible for the war. The Times in an editorial says:

"The note is dated December 24 and, although the idea may seem fanciful, we cannot help imagining that it was by no accident that the eyes of the world were turned to the note which was chosen for the despatch of this friendly communication from one of the great branches of the English speaking communities to the other. If anything in the telegraphic summary of the note, as received here, should seem preposterous we feel assured that this appearance is entirely due to the necessities of compression and will vanish when the text of the document is before us. We fully realize the inconvenience and the loss of effect on the world's commerce. We also are confident that when the note is published we shall find that President Wilson and his colleagues are not insensible to the imperious requirements of our military situation. "We do not suppose this is a dispute of our right, as belligerents to practice such interference with commerce between neutrals as is manifestly necessary for the protection of our national safety. The question as to whether it is whether the action of our ships does not in some cases exceed that manifest necessity."

Manifests Unequivocal Faith in British Sense of Justice.

Proceeding to state that there are many peculiar conditions arising from the war which justify Great Britain's policy, the editorial continues: "The note deals throughout with unshakable faith in our sense of justice. That trust we shall assuredly do our best to preserve. It is quite inconceivable that two sensible people, such as we are, should quarrel with each other should not succeed in devising a modus vivendi, in accordance with

FRANCE GOING AFTER SOME OF GERMANY'S TRADE

Committee of leading merchants and manufacturers chosen to organize trade expansion movement.

Paris, Dec. 29.—France is going to make an effort to obtain her share of the world's trade which was formerly in the hands of Germans.

Minister of Commerce Gaston Thomson presided today at a large meeting of merchants and manufacturers who are members of the Paris Chamber of Commerce. He told the business men that this was the time for them to reach out for trade in all countries where Germans previously had been a large purveyor.

Before the meeting adjourned a committee representing the principal industries and financial institutions of France had been chosen to organize this work of expansion.

A MOVE TO RELEASE FRANK

Justice Lamar, of the Supreme Court, at Washington, has taken under advisement an application for an appeal from the action of Judge Newman, of the Georgia Federal Court, in refusing to release Leo M. Frank, the factory superintendent, convicted of the murder of Mary Phagan, on habeas corpus proceedings. The Justice did not intimate when he would announce his decision.

distributed on Christmas Day and with rare exceptions were appreciated. Quite a few of the patients' relatives included gifts for friends, patients as well as for their own. With their usual liberality Messrs. Ganong Bros. donated 602 boxes of sweets, distributed with ribbon so that every patient got one. While other contributors to the patients were quite as generous, the donation from this firm was unique and gave pleasure to everybody which was equalled only by the gift of a pipe and package of tobacco to the smokers.

DIED.

FRASER—At Gardner's Creek, on Sunday, the 27th inst, Miss Besie Fraser, leaving one sister to mourn. Funeral from her late home on Wednesday, the 30th inst, at 2 o'clock.

HUTCHINGS—In this city on Monday, 28th inst, after a short illness, Sarah J., daughter of the late Thos. Hutchings, leaving one brother Charles H. to mourn.

Funeral on Wednesday, at 2.30 from the residence of her cousin, H. M. McAlpine, 18 Horsfield street. No flowers.

CHRISTMAS CHEER AT PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL.

The following is a list of those who gave generously to supply the patients in the Provincial Hospital with enjoyment on Christmas Day:—Baird & Peters, Geo. S. Barbour, Barnes & Co., J. C. Berris, N. L. Brennan, Chas. F. Brown, E. Clinton Brown, The Carrington-Paterson Mfg Co., Ltd., S. T. Coughle, Geo. S. deForest & Sons, Emerson & Fisher, Ltd., G. & E. Evans, Ltd., Ganong Bros., Ltd., J. Hamilton, Hamm Bros., H. O. Harrison, W. H. Hayward Co., Ltd., Donaldson Hunt, Hutchings Co., Ltd., McAlary & Co., Ltd., The McAlary Mfg Co., Manchester Robertson Allison, Ltd., H. Mott, O'Neill Bros., C. H. Peters Sons, Ltd., Randolph & Baker, Ltd., P. Randolph & Sons, Reading, Brewsters, Ltd., Geo. A. Rieker, St. John Mercantile Co., Ltd., J. & W. Shaw, Shipp & Flavell, Slocum & Farris, A. C. Smith & Co., R. P. & W. F. Smith, Ltd., W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd., The Union Foundry and Machine Works, Ltd., Vannwart Bros., Vassie & Co., Ltd., Waterbury & Bining, Ltd., Harvey Weston & A. R. Williams, Machinery Co., Ltd.

A great many patients had presents sent from their homes which were

CHAPLAIN OF CANADIAN CONTINGENT MARRIED IN LONDON YESTERDAY

Rev. R. H. Steacey, Rector of All Saints', Ottawa, Marries Daughter of Premier of Queensland.

London, Dec. 29.—(Gazette Cable)—A wedding of interest to Canadians in England was celebrated today in Christ Church, Lancaster Gate, the contracting parties being Rev. Richard Henry Steacey, rector of All Saints Church, Ottawa, and Major and Divisional Chaplain with the First Canadian Contingent, and Elsie Mary, elder daughter of the Hon. Digby Denham, premier of Queensland. The officiating priest was Rev. Ronald Denham, the bride's cousin, and Rev. Alexander Gordon was the best man. The reception which followed brought together a large Anglo-Australian-Canadian gathering, among whom were Sir Hamilton Adams, Adjutant General for Queensland; Sir Thomas and Lady Robinson, with a number of Canadian officers and men. After a short honeymoon the bridegroom will resume his duties at Salisbury Plain.

NAVAL RESERVISTS FROM NEWFOUNDLAND REACH GLASGOW

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 29.—The Albatross liner Montserrat with the fifth draft of Newfoundland naval reservists, one hundred and sixty-four all told, arrived at Glasgow on Saturday. This makes nearly eight hundred reservists already in service, including 110 on the Niobe, and 200 more are now training on the drillship Calypso in this port for despatch to England at a convenient date.

OFFER OF \$8,671 ACCEPTED FOR MONTREAL BONDS.

Montreal, Dec. 29.—The City of Montreal this afternoon accepted an offer of \$8,671 and accrued interest for \$6,900,000 five per cent. three year bonds which came from a syndicate headed by the Boston investment house of E. H. Rollins and Sons.

IMPERIAL THEATRE New Year's Eve, After the Regular Picture Show

The High School Alumnae Will Present a Splendid Local Company in THE STIRRING BRITISH PLAY "OURS"

Assisted by 200 Men from Our Splendid Overseas Regiment.

NOTE—The Imperial Theatre and St. John Globe are co-operating in this entertainment in appreciation of the splendid support given their serial story schemes by the school children of St. John.

TICKETS: Downstairs and 3 Rows Balcony 50c, Balance of Balcony 35c, Top Balcony 25c. Box Chairs, 75c.

FAMOUS PLAYERS IN GREAT PROBLEM PLAY

The Eminent Broadway Star, Mr. William Courtleigh

IN DANIEL FROHMAN'S ORIGINAL PRODUCTION OF THE DRAMATIC ROMANCE, "The Better Man"

By Rev. Cyrus Townsend Brady

Four Acts of Pictures

The Rivalry of Two Clergymen for the World's Two Best Prizes.

ALSO: SCOTT & MARKE in Chatty Vaudeville Sketch. COMEDY FILMS by the Leading Companies.

Sand Point Motion Pictures Continued.

OPERA HOUSE TONIGHT And All This Week

Thompson's Musical Comedy Company

—PRESENTING— "McKenna's Flirtation"

Corona Chocolates for the Ladies Wednesday Matinee

Special Matinee New Year's Day