

CHINA READY TO BACK UP WILSON

Relations With Germany to Be Severed if Protest is Ignored.

MUST PROTECT LIVES

Chinese Citizens' Lives Imperiled by Submarine Warfare, Says Note.

Pekin, Feb. 9.—(Delayed)—The note handed to the German minister by the minister for foreign affairs in reply to Germany's declaration of the resumption of unrestricted submarine warfare was made public today. The text of the note in part is as follows: "The new measures of submarine warfare inaugurated by Germany are imperiling the lives and property of Chinese citizens even more than the measures previously taken, which have already cost China many lives and constitute a violation of international law..."

EIGHT PER CENT. EXCESS CAUCUS COST REMAINS

Democratic Senators Put Finishing Touches to Revenue Bill Saturday.

Special to The Toronto World. Washington, Feb. 11.—The Democratic caucus of the senate put the finishing touches to the revenue bill this afternoon, and the measure will be reported to the senate Tuesday, according to the plans of Senator Simmons, chairman of the finance committee. The caucus finally agreed that the eight per cent. excess caucus cost shall remain in effect until four years after the passing of the revenue act. No limiting clause on the duration of the tax by the house. It was also decided that the existing tax of 12 1/2 per cent. on munition profits shall expire six months after the close of the war instead of one year, as the law now provides.

FOOD RIOTS IN AUSTRIA RESULT IN BLOODSHED

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 11.—Advises from Petrograd received by the trade and commerce department state that the Murman Railway from Petrograd to the ice free port of Alexandrovsk, on the Arctic Ocean, has been completed. The road is of great importance for the import of munitions. Archangel is usually closed for six months in the year by ice, while Alexandrovsk, being situated almost on the front of the Norwegian coast, is under the influence of the Gulf Stream and is an open port the year round. The line, nearly 700 miles long, has been constructed in the face of most formidable engineering difficulties under the swamps and other features of the country, and has been completed before the anticipated time.

Easy Terms for Electric Wiring and Fixtures

The Electric Wiring and Fixture Co., 261 College Street (corner of Spadina Avenue), are offering to wire occupied or completed houses for electric light, concealing all wires and without breaking the plaster or marking the decorations, in three days, at special low prices during February, and to enable everyone to take advantage of this opportunity, easy payments can be arranged for both wiring and fixtures. Phone College 1873.

WAR SUMMARY THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

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by bombing attacks. The gains are west of the Hal River and south of the Tigris. The French yesterday carried out raids in the region of Pont-a-Mousson and the forest of Apremont, taking in all 19 prisoners. The Germans attempted raids at various points in Alsace and Lorraine, but failed to carry them to completion. On both banks of the Meuse a heavy artillery action proceeded night and day. French aviators, with the British co-operating, carried out many successful raids and bombing expeditions, flying far over the territory of the enemy. Allied machines and guns brought down eight German machines. French squadrons dropped explosives on factories in Lorraine, Alsace and the Serre Valley. They also bombarded Zebruggen.

The Italians report a surprise attack and raid of their lines east of Gorizia by the Austrians. The enemy carried out this operation on an extended scale and he claims that he took more than 850 prisoners. The Italians say that they drove back the enemy, except at some places, and that they are keeping under a curtain of fire. On the Russian front the Germans attempted a raid near Stanislaw, penetrated Russian trenches in some places and were promptly ejected. Two companies of Germans, clad in white overalls, engaged in this operation. On the Rumanian front and north of Salonica heavy artillery firing proceeds.

IMPORTANT RAIL CHANGE EXPECTED

Government Will Take Over Canadian Northern, Hamilton Paper Feels Sure.

TO JOIN LACKAWANNA

Plan to Have Both Roads and Highway Use Same Large Bridge.

The Hamilton Times Saturday said: Quick changes in Hamilton's railway situation are expected, following a conference T. Stewart, M.P., has had with Sir William Mackenzie and certain "inside" information from the federal authorities. It appears more than evident that the government will take over the Canadian Northern. It owns 46 per cent. of the stock already. The Lackawanna Railway of the United States is proposed to build a fast steam road from the frontier to Toronto in connection with the C.N.R., and it is declared that the government, on taking over the Mackenzie-Mann project, will take advantage of this offer. The Lackawanna is anxious for an entrance to Canada. Mr. Stewart is convinced that the best scheme is for the C.N.R. and hydro radicals to come in alongside each other. The purchase of another 25-foot strip along the present right of way thru the north end would allow both roads to operate individually, yet, as far as Hamilton was concerned, and says there will be no difficulty about the railway, whether owned by the government or the present interests, coming in over a two-deck steel bridge across the Valley Inn. The plan is to have the Toronto-Hamilton highway, the C.N.R. and the hydro radial use this structure. The amount proposed for the C.N.R.'s share is \$250,000, considered much less than it could build a bridge of its own for. "Hamilton would have to pay a comparatively small share," explained Mr. Stewart at the city hall this morning. "Mind you, I'm not opposing the hydro radial, but why not both? I do not think Hamilton would be pleased enough to oppose another fast steam road, if the government owned it." Thru the Dundrum, Mr. Stewart's plan calls for the two lines—hydro and steam—to be at different elevations. Any possible objection from the Grand Trunk, he added, would be cared for by the railway commission. In the meantime, the controllers are withholding their objection to the C.N.R. being allowed to build thru Hamilton. They first want to hear Sir William Mackenzie, who has asked to appear before them.

MURMAN RAILWAY IN RUSSIA COMPLETED

Gives Direct Rail Route From Petrograd to All-Year-Round Port.

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NAVY AUTHORITIES.

New York, Feb. 11.—Photographs are being taken of the uniforms and medals of the New York navy yard today. The employees number close to 1000, and are being photographed as a precaution taken by the yard authorities for guarding the records against espionage. In order to gain admission to the yard each employee will have to carry his photograph, so that they may prove his identity if he loses his pass.

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CANADIAN CASUALTIES

Reported wounded—A. C. Edwards, Brockton, Ont. Wounded, returned to duty—201335, M. G. Sams, 1420 Weyland street, Toronto. Previously reported missing, now killed in action—40448, J. A. Ward, 181 Queen street, Toronto; S. A. Martin, Kingston, Ont.

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HOLLAND PROTESTS SHARPLY TO HUNS

Dutch Government Assails Submarine Decree as Contrary to Law.

CUT OFF FROM INDIES

New Foe Action Bars Neutral Ships From Suez Canal.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. The Hague, Feb. 11.—Sharp protest against the Prussian submarine decree of "ruthless" destruction of all vessels encountered within forbidden zones has been made by the Government of Holland, according to an official white paper which has been made public. According to the Dutch note, the new Prussian decree completely bars passage between Port Said and Suez, so that the Indian route essential to the commerce of Holland is a colonial power is cut off.

The Dutch Government recalls its earlier protests against the British and German measures relating to the proclamation of war zones in the North Sea, and continues: "With all the more reason the government is obliged to object with extreme energy against the regime now announced, which not only applies to much vaster areas but also includes attacks on neutral ships, whatever the nature of their cargo, and without discriminating as to whether their presence on said zones is voluntary or not."

No Real Blockade. It is further stated that even had Germany qualified the new measure as a blockade the merciless destruction of neutral ships would be contrary to international law, which only permits the confiscation and not destruction of blockade runners. "Germany," continues the note, "does not use the term blockade, and rightly so, because it cannot be applied to such actions, and because by the international law it can only be directed against traffic with hostile ports, and not against direct navigation between two neutral countries."

BIG FOE SUBMARINE CROSSING ATLANTIC

Passengers of Kroonland See Submersible in Mid-Ocean With Convoy.

New Hun Submersible Has High Conning Tower, Many Guns.

Special to The Toronto World. New York, Feb. 11.—A German fighting U-boat, larger than the Deutschland, equipped with heavy deck guns and mine layer or torpedo-throwing cranes, is on its way to the United States, the belief of many of the passengers of the American liner Kroonland, which arrived this afternoon from Liverpool. They saw the giant submersible almost in mid-ocean last Monday morning, and not far from her was a ship which seemed to be its convoy. The Kroonland was not molested, she had long passed out of the danger zone of the British coast. That was the second of the exciting experiences for the 250 passengers of the American ship. They had left Liverpool Jan. 31, and on the following afternoon of Feb. 11, they were in mid-ocean.

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ONLY \$760 left after the bills are paid. It will not last long. Then, there's the mortgage. The payments on it must be met or I'll lose our home. If it were not for the children I could go out to work. But what can I do with them? I will have to do something—but what? "Exaggerated" you say. Not at all. All around us we see worn and children adrift—left destitute because of man's very human tendency to "put off till tomorrow" a responsibility which involves a little self-sacrifice. You can do it by means of an Imperial Monthly Income Policy. Today—while you are insurable—ask us to tell you more about it.

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FAILURE CONFESSED BY ENEMY EXPERTS

British Naval Writer Draws Attention to Significant Admission.

EXPLOITS MAGNIFIED

German Submarines Cannot Average More Than Seven Ships Daily.

London, Feb. 11.—The number of enemy instruments for destroying submarines increases, says Captain Perseus in The Berlin Tageblatt. "May we be saved from making the fatal mistake of imagining the U-boat to suffice as a naval weapon," says Count Reventlow, in the Deutsches Tages Zeitung. It is well that these two important confessions were given the prominence they were given their appearance in The Daily Express yesterday, because they are things that British naval writers could only say with an appearance of bias, coming as they do from enemy sources and in one case at least, a source that has most friendly approval of the U-boat campaign, they have significance that must strike everyone.

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GREECE HAS REJECTED INVITATION OF WILSON

Country Not in Position to Contemplate Action to Protect Shipping.

WILL NOT GUARANTEE AMERICANS IMMUNITY

Penfield's Proposal Regarding Travel in Mediterranean Unlikely to Succeed.

London, Feb. 10.—Reports from Vienna, received at The Exchange and transmitted by the Exchange Telegraph Co., say that the Austro-Hungarian Government is negotiating with American Ambassador Penfield over the question of allowing Americans to travel unhindered in the Mediterranean, hoping thereby to avert a severance of relations between Austria-Hungary and the United States. It is not expected, the despatch adds, that the negotiations will succeed, because Germany is averse to giving any pledge regarding Americans, on the ground that it would weaken the blockade in the Mediterranean and Austria-Hungary is unable to give a guarantee without German sanction.

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BRITISH ADVANCE NEAR BEAUCOURT

Germans Admit Attack Succeeded on Road From Puisieux.

FIRING BEFORE VERDUN

Fighting Proceeds in Ailly Wood and on Moselle Banks.

Berlin, via Sayville, Feb. 11.—The war office communication issued today says: Western theatre: Army group of Prince Rupprecht: West of Lille and on both sides of La Bassée Canal as well as on the northern part of the Somme sector there have been lively artillery duels. On the north bank of the Acre the English attacked with strong forces northeast of Beaumont, and south bank east of Grandcourt and north of Courcellette with minor detachments. On the road from Puisieux to Beaumont they entered our trenches on a breadth of one company. At all other places they were repulsed, partly in hand-to-hand fighting. Army group of the German Crown Prince: On the left bank of the Meuse as on the preceding day there was increased firing from noon, but without an attack being developed. In the Ailly Wood southeast of St. Mihiel and on both sides of the Moselle French attacks were launched which were repulsed by our defensive fire and hand-to-hand fighting. Our field squadrons have made attacks far behind the hostile front. Military and transportation establishments, important to the enemy, were bombed efficiently during the day and night.

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