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Another Day Of Waiting For Developments At Sea

European Non-Combatant Nation Suggests to Washington a Conference of Neutrals—Planning Mobilization of Industries in United States

Washington, Feb. 6.—With prospects for another day of waiting development of the wireless submarine campaign that may bring war between the United States and Germany, immediate interest here centered today upon the destruction of the steamer Evestone, in which an American seaman lost his life.

Meanwhile, a conference of neutral nations is being discussed, on suggestion of one of the European neutrals most severely affected by the war, and although it is believed the idea has been favorably received by President Wilson, there is no definite indication that the plan will mature.

Relations with Austria are not on a sound foundation, owing to the known adherence of the Dual Monarchy to Germany's submarine war programme but differences in her announced intentions make it uncertain just what the United States government may decide to do.

The senate today was ready to adopt a resolution endorsing the president's action in breaking relations with Germany, and the house is expected to place itself on record in a similar way.

Albert Winchester Still Superintendent of Streets

COUNCIL TAKES ACTION

Amendment to By-Law Fixes \$500 License Fee for Imported Bargain Sales—Cliff Street Garage Matter up Again—Salary Increases Granted

According to Commissioner Fisher's interpretation of an amendment adopted by the common council this morning, Albert Winchester, who had been dismissed by the commissioner, still is superintendent of streets. When the commissioner of public works presented his proposal of the time did not permit of action regarding the reduction of the number of watchmen on the wharves.

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Intercepted Messages Show How Germany Is Playing The Game

Germany would recede from her declared submarine policy in so far as it affected neutral rights.

The second wireless, consisting of an Associated Press despatch from Berlin intended for consumption in America, spoke of Germany's inability to withdraw from the position she had taken.

Here this difference of statement is taken as an evident indication of a German effort to prevent the European neutrals from giving support to President Wilson's attitude.

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THE SYNOD IS IN SESSION HERE

Important Topics in Bishop Richardson's Address

MATTER OF CONSCIENCE

This and Other War Subjects Are Taken up—Shortage of Clergymen for the Missions—Position on Phase of Marriage Question

The forty-eighth session of the Diocesan Synod of Fredericton was opened today in Trinity church by His Lordship Bishop Richardson in the presence of clerical and lay representatives from various parts of New Brunswick.

Following a celebration of Holy Communion in Trinity church at 10 o'clock, the delegates repaired to the school room and His Lordship opened the programme with prayer.

Bishop Richardson presided and seated on the platform with him were Venerable Dr. Courtenay of New York, former Bishop of Nova Scotia; Dean Neales, of Fredericton; Archdeacon Forsyth, of Chatham; Archdeacon O. S. Newman, of St. Stephen, secretary of the synod; Archdeacon Crowfoot, of Hampton; Canon Smythers of Fredericton and Canon Sisson of Moncton.

Rev. M. L. T. Thompson was appointed assistant secretary of the meeting. Archdeacon Newman then proceeded with the roll call, which showed that representatives from all over New Brunswick were present.

Bishop Richardson introduced Rev. Dr. Courtenay, for sixteen years Bishop of Nova Scotia, but now connected with the rectorship of St. James' church, New York. He spoke of the church in the United States. He said that it was getting stronger, especially in two distinct directions, first, in the fact that there was a decided increase in attendance on the part of the city folk in the east, and secondly in the development of what in olden days was called the high church, in the west. The church in the United States was alive to the questions of the day. Social Service of all kinds was receiving attention and there was a presence of real religion on the part of the people. The outside public was greatly interested through the press, which gave liberal accounts of the church work, and in conventions held from time to time.

At 2:30 o'clock the delegates met in Trinity church and following the opening prayer, Bishop Richardson delivered his charge to the synod.

His Lordship dwelt at length on the war. He reviewed some of the conditions (Continued on page 2, sixth column.)

PRECAUTIONS AT LAS PALMAS

Madrid, Feb. 6.—There are still some Spanish vessels at sea which cannot possibly reach home ports before the time set in the German note. The minister of marine has instructed the authorities at sea to allow no ship to clear unless provided with proper equipment for saving life in the event the vessel is sunk.

The cruiser Albatros is guarding the entrance to Las Palmas Bay to prevent the German and Austrian ships moored there from leaving. No vessel is allowed to enter or leave port between sunset and sunrise.

THE FIGHTING

Paris, Feb. 6.—Two German raids last night on the Verdun front at Louvemont and Eparges gained no success. An attack on French trenches near Parroy forest reached the first line but the Germans were ejected immediately by a counter attack.

In the region of Aspach, in Alsace, three French reconnoitering parties penetrated the German lines, destroying shelters, and returned without losses.

Brussels, Feb. 6.—(Via Sayville)—"The weather being frosty and hazy," says today's German official report from the Franco-Belgian front, "there was little activity on the part of the artillery and airplanes. Between the Ancre and the Somme, however, there was strong artillery firing at times. Raids by reconnoitering detachments in the Somme sector, and on the east bank of the Meuse (Verdun front), and on the Lorraine front, resulted in the capture of more than thirty English and French soldiers and several machine guns."

FATE OF CREW OF RELIEF SHIP TODAY IN DOUBT

The Lara Kruz Was Sunk Off the Belgian Coast Yesterday

London, Feb. 6.—Nothing is yet known regarding the fate of the crew of the Belgian relief steamer Lara Kruz, which was sunk by a torpedo or mine near the Belgian coast yesterday. The ship touched at Las Palmas on January 20 and in the ordinary course would have made some British port before arriving at Rotterdam, where she was due about February 10. The Lara Kruz carried the contingent of the Belgian Relief Commission and was marked as arranged by the commission with the German government. She had not received a safe conduct from Germany, as such passports had been refused the relief ships by Berlin.

Spanish Seamen of Torpedoed Steamer Die

Brest, Feb. 6.—The captain and twelve men of the Spanish steamer Algeta, which was sunk by a submarine here by a steamer trawler, were admitted for forty-six hours before being rescued and two sailors, Barthelemy Perquin and Jose Yrros, died as a result of their privations soon after being taken aboard the trawler.

ORDER NAVAL MILITIA TO "PREPARE FOR ACTION"

Instructions Are Received in Philadelphia From Washington

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 6.—Orders were received here by telephone from Washington last night instructing members of the naval militia to "prepare for action," with the expectation of going into service on Saturday night. Two divisions are already organizing and the officers were instructed to form as many divisions of "full strength" as possible.

HON. C. W. ROBINSON TAKES PLACE ON THE WESTMORLAND TICKET

Moncton, N.B., Feb. 6.—Provincial politics are keen in Moncton city. At the largest Liberal executive meeting held in Moncton for many years Hon. C. W. Robinson formally confirmed his acceptance of the nomination for the city of Moncton. Halls were secured for a series of public meetings the first of which will be held in the city hall on Friday evening of this week.

REPORTS THAT GERARD LEFT BERLIN TODAY

London, Feb. 6.—The Central News says it understands that Ambassador Gerard left Berlin today, and is due in Switzerland in the course of the day. No confirmation of this report has been received.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service

Synopsis—The disturbance which was centered near Nantucket yesterday morning has moved northward to Newfoundland and fair weather now prevails and nearly all parts of the dominion and in the western provinces it has become quite moderate.

Ottawa Valley—Fair today and on Wednesday. Higher temperature on Wednesday.

Moderately Cold. Maritime provinces—Fresh to strong westerly winds, fair and moderately cold today and Wednesday.

RAILS SPREAD AS TRAIN SPEEDS AT 45 MILES AN HOUR; 40 PEOPLE HURT

Wauwat, Iowa, Feb. 6.—Two score persons were injured, three probably fatally, when a Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific train west bound, Chicago to Denver, was wrecked two miles east of here last night. The train was rounding a curve at forty-five miles an hour, when the rails spread and five coaches were hurled down a ten foot embankment into a ditch.

ANXIOUS AMERICANS GETTING OUT OF BERLIN

Berlin, Feb. 5, via London, Feb. 6.—The scene at the United States embassy this morning recalled the memorable days of August, 1914. Crowds of anxious Americans blocked the corridors and secretarial rooms seeking the renewal of passports and above all advice for their future course and in regard to the possible routes back home.

HAVE GERMAN A WIRELESS STATION HIDDEN IN FRANCE?

Dijon, France, Feb. 6.—A newspaper prints a transcript of a telephone message alleged to have been sent from here at the German consulate in Madrid advising him of the departure of a ship for Bilbao to load iron ore for a foreign port.

ENGINES OF GERMAN VESSELS AT NEW YORK ARE WRECKED

Quick Action When Teuton Note to Washington Was Delivered

New York, Feb. 6.—Immigration officials at Ellis Island today continued the examination of German seamen from the German merchant ships in this port who sought permission to enter the country as immigrants. Eighteen members of these crews were allowed to enter yesterday.

The German ships are still under heavy guard and there are persistent reports that the machinery has been ruined. Federal officials refuse to comment on these rumors. They say that of ships are the property of the German owners and that the United States government has no power to interfere with them as long as the men aboard do not violate the laws of the country.

New York, Feb. 6.—According to the Sun this morning, engines in every German and Austrian ship imprisoned in New York harbor by the British navy

STOCK WIRE RUMOR OF WAR DECLARATION ON STATES BY GERMANY

F. B. McCurdy & Company, 105 Prince William street, received a dispatch over their wires this afternoon from New York saying that it was reported that Germany has declared war on the United States.

GERMAN PAPER REPORTS FRIENDLY TELEGRAM FROM CARRAZZA TO KAISER

London, Feb. 6.—A Reuter despatch from Amsterdam quotes the Telegraf as saying that a wireless telegram has appeared in the German papers stating that General Carranza of Mexico has sent his best wishes to the German Emperor.

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