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LEAVES WAY OPEN FOR GERMANY TO AVOID A BREAK

U. S. Government Reviews Submarine Crisis and Re-affirms Their Determination to Bring the Situation to an Issue—Evidence at Hand Shows Germany Has Broken Her Promises to America

SEVERE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS HINTED AT

Indications Point That Forthcoming Note Would be Statement of America's Case up to Date—Understood It Would Leave a Way Open to prevent Break Between Two Countries

WASHINGTON, April 15.—President Wilson and his Cabinet went over the submarine crisis to-day, and re-affirmed their determination to bring the situation with Germany to an issue and their decision to inform Germany that the recent accumulation of evidence of ships destroyed by submarine warfare leads to the inevitable conclusion that her promises to the United States are not being fulfilled, has remained unchanged.

At the time of despatching their communication to Berlin there appeared to be only one point undecided in Congress. To-day a report, which was widely circulated, said the forthcoming Note would itself give notice of severance of diplomatic relations. There was nothing, however, to substantiate the story anywhere in official quarters. Cabinet officers did not deny it upon the ground that they all had been bound by honor by the President not to speak upon the subject in any way.

There were repeated indications to-night that the Note would be a statement of the American case up to date, without anything in the nature of an ultimatum, and still would leave a way open for Germany to avoid the long-feared break in diplomatic relations. It was plain, however, that it would be intended as the American Government's last word.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 14.—Secretary of State Lansing acknowledged to-day, that the United States is in possession of evidence secured by French naval forces from the captured German submarine crew, tending to show the identity of the submarine which destroyed the Sussex. The State Department is developing it. Meanwhile the information will not be disclosed.

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BRITISH

LONDON, April 15.—A British official communication, just issued, says: "By exploding mines yesterday east of Vermilles we considerably damaged enemy positions, drawing a heavy, though ineffective, artillery reply. "Early to-day we successfully bombarded the neighborhood of Souchez. During last night a small party raided the German front trenches, north-west of Lens, killing some of the occupants, and withdrawing on completion of its mission."

FRENCH

PARIS, via St. Pierre, April 14.—On the left bank of the Meuse was bombardment of our first lines west of Hill 304. On the right bank the Germans launched during the end of the evening a small attack against our positions, south of Douaumont, which was easily and completely repulsed. It was rather a quiet night, apart from the strong bombardment, south of Haudromont. In Woivreve was an artillery duel in the Moulainville sector. Nothing important on remainder of the front.

Conscription Now Mooted in Canada

Large Delegation Calls Upon Premier Borden And Urged His Support For Substitution of Compulsory Instead of Voluntary System

OTTAWA, Apr. 14.—National registration with a view to some form of conscription is being urged upon Sir Robert Borden and the members of his Cabinet by a large delegation, representing Ontario, the Maritime Provinces and the West. The gathering at the Premier's office to-day urged his support for the substitution of compulsory for the present voluntary system, saying that (1) the latter was not getting on, and (2) those who were coming forward were precisely those citizens which Canada could least spare.

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SYMPATHETIC OLD LADY: "And do any of your friends visit you while you are here?"
INTERNED GERMAN: "No, Matam. Dey was all here mit me."
—London Mail.

All Contraband 18 Year Old Youths Are Called Up Now Subject to Capture

Britain and Her Allies Decide to Change Maritime International Law Laid Down by Declaration of London 1909—No Ship or Cargo Now Exempt From Capture

LONDON, April 15.—The British Government, after consultation with their Allies, has issued a decree modifying the Maritime International Law as laid down by the Declaration of London in 1909. The modification will be effective during the present war, henceforth merchandise, whether absolute or conditional contraband, will be subject to capture by the mere fact of its enemy destination, whether it is sent by direct or indirect mail, or is concealed. Further, no ship or cargo will be exempt from capture for violation of the blockade simply because at the time it was examined it apparently was on its way to an unblockaded port.

Brevity of Reports Causing Comment

Recent Fighting on British Front in France Has Been of Important Nature—Canadian Figure in Casualty Lists

LONDON, Apr. 14.—Evidence that heavy fighting has been going on along the British front in France recently, is given by the casualty lists of the last two days. To-day's list contains the names of 24 officers killed and 107 wounded. Included in the list of wounded are a number of Canadians.

There is a good deal of comment on the brevity of official reports. Of recent fighting actions, says a newspaper, one is continually learning from talk with men on leave that they have been of great importance, but they have been described in curt two line reports.

All Kinds of Pig Iron and Steel Prohibited From Export

LONDON, Apr. 14.—The British Government this evening proclaimed the absolute prohibition to export to any destination all kinds of pig iron and nearly all kinds of steel. The prohibition of steel applies to the variety used by railroads, ship builders, including rails, sleepers, springs, wheels, axles, tubes, girders, ingots, bar angle rods, plates, more than the eighth of an inch in thickness. The exportation of soap containing more than one per cent. of glycerine, is also prohibited.

Sir Roger Casement Arrested in Berlin?

NEW YORK, April 14.—An International News Service despatch from Copenhagen to-day, says that a press despatch states that Sir Roger Casement has been arrested in Berlin, but the charge is not specified.

Youths Called Will Train Immediately—Will Not be Sent on Active Service Until They Reach the Age of 19—Will Release Older Men For Foreign Service

LONDON, April 15.—Great Britain will shortly call to the colors her eighteen-year-old youths, according to reports from the Lobby of the House of Commons. It is intended that the youths thus called will go into training immediately, although they will not be liable to service abroad until they reach the age of nineteen.

Best informed lobbyists concur in the belief that the Government, although it has not taken its final decision, resolved at yesterday's Cabinet meeting against compulsory service, as demanded by a section of the country. A "Daily News" correspondent says the Government intends to raise recruits partly by arranging that all youths between 18 and 19 years become soldiers automatically. None are to be liable for service abroad until they have reached the age of 19 years, but their enrollment will free drafts of older men for foreign service.

Germany Blockades Baltic Entrance

COPENHAGEN, Apr. 14.—The Norwegian Shipping Gazette says the German Navy has stopped the international passage way south of the Sound between Denmark and Sweden, and also by steel nets designed to trap British submarines seeking to enter the Baltic. Danish torpedo-boats, says the Gazette, are watching the operations to make sure that obstructions are not placed in Danish territorial waters.

At Verdun

PARIS, April 15.—There was no infantry fighting in the Verdun region last night. French positions between Malancourt and Hill 304, west of the Meuse were subjected to heavy bombardment and there were lively artillery exchanges near the western edge of Corbeaux Wood. East of the river, an intermittent bombardment continues.

New Viceroy of India Has Narrow Escape

LONDON, April 15.—The steamship on which Baron Chelmsford, the new Viceroy, was proceeding to India, was unsuccessfully attacked by a submarine, which fired a torpedo, but missed its aim.

A British Victory

LONDON, April 14.—The defeat of the Turkish forces in Mesopotamia, by the British, was reported only today. In an engagement on the Tigris the Turks were driven back from one and a half to three miles.

Women Fired Two Shots at Liebknecht Socialist Member

LONDON, April 15.—An Amsterdam despatch says that travellers arriving at the Hague from Berlin reports that a woman fired two shots from a revolver at Dr. Karl Liebknecht, while that Socialist member of the Reichstag was walking in the street. Both shots missed. The assailant, the report continues, was arrested.

Two Neutral Ships Captured By German Warship

LONDON, April 15.—The Danish steamer Elizabeth, bound for England, and an unknown Swedish steamer, were captured in the Cattegat to-day by a German battleship, according to the Exchange Telegraph's correspondent.

Cunard Liner's Sailing is Postponed

NEW YORK, April 14.—Sailing of the Cunard liner Orduna from Liverpool for New York is postponed from to-morrow until April 18th, according to cable advices received by agents of the line here to-day. No reason is given in the message as to the cause of postponement.

CHARLIE FORAN HEARD FROM

All will remember the part that Mr. Charlie Foran of this city took in the Boer war, when he fought in that campaign for nearly two years under General French until recently Commander-in-Chief of the forces in France. On the arrival of the "Ophir" here Mr. Foran was decorated by His present Majesty King George V., with a medal for his services. Yesterday his mother, Mrs. Jno. Foran, had a wire from the Adjutant General at Ottawa saying that Charlie who is a member of the 58th Battalion, C. E. F., have entered the 13th Stationary Hospital, slightly wounded. Charlie was always a plucky chap and his hosts of friends here will be glad to know that in this great struggle he has—as he did before—placed his abilities at the Empire's disposal and will hope that his recovery will be speedy and permanent.

A CONTRADICTION

One of the crew of the "Sam Blandford" called at our office this morning and asked us to say that the "Herald" was incorrect in its statement in Thursday's issue, that that chief steward of the Sam Blandford filled the men's knapsacks each morning before they went on the ice and that what was given them included 'dainties'. The first morning they went on the ice he says two cakes of butter biscuit and a small piece of cheese were given each one and at the latter part of the voyage they received two apples and an orange, though all the crew did not get these. However, he says the grub on board was good and chief cook Noseworthy did his work most satisfactorily.

THE "BLANDFORD'S" TURNOUT

The Samuel Blandford finished discharging yesterday afternoon, her turnout being 18,648 young harks, 765 young hoods, 692 bedlamers, 208 old harks and 190 old hoods, a total of 20,503 seals, weighing 483 tons, 4 cwt., 3 qrs., 12 lbs. gross; 465 tons, 14 cwt., 3 qrs., nett. The value of the cargo is \$54,101.98 and the crew of 197 men shared \$91.54.

MORE FISHERS ARRIVE

The Marine and Fisheries Department had a message yesterday afternoon that the schrs. "Francis" H. Adams and "Argenia" had reached St. Jacques from the Rose Blanche grounds with 850 and 650 qds cod respectively.

THE "SHENANDOAH" GONE

The S.S. Shenandoah which was sunk by a mine as given in the war messages to-day was well known in this port. She ran here to the Furness-Withy people for several years and was commanded by Capt. Trincock.

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NO BIG FIGHTING ON THE FRANCO-BELGIAN BATTLE FRONT

Artillery Though is Active Along the Front in France and Belgium—Germans at no Point Have Been Able to Break the French Lines—French Ready For Any Attack

BRITISH VICTORY IN MESOPOTAMIA

Russians Claim Several Small Victories Over Germans in Galicia—Italians Capture Important Position From Austrians—The Turks Suffer Heavy Losses at Hands of Russians and are Falling Back in Disorder

LONDON, April 15.—Except for the artillery of the contending armies, there has been no fighting at any point on the long front in France and Belgium. Several days now have elapsed since the Germans launched their heavy attack on the positions in dispute before Verdun, but their artillery continued vigorously to shell the Le Mort Homme sector north-west of Verdun. The second line positions of the French, east of the French former sector is still answering with their big guns the German's fire and evidently are holding themselves in readiness in anticipation of the infantry attack that usually follows preparatory bombardments. In the Argonne the French continue to operate with big guns against the Germans, and at points of vantage in the region of Port-a-Mousson they have shelled convoys of the Germans. On the Russian front the Germans essayed an attack between Lakes Seventen and Ilzen, but were repulsed with heavy casualties. In Galicia, south-east of Boutchache, the Germans also took the offensive, but here again were repulsed. The Russians claim the capture, in the Stripa region, of a German position, and the putting down of counter attacks launched with the intention of recapturing it.

According to a Rome official communication, the Italians have captured the important crest of Lobbia Alta from the Austrians, and consolidated the position. Considerable infantry fighting also has taken place on the Nrzli Montenero sector. Elsewhere along the front there have been only customary bombardments. The Russians report further successes against the Turks, having been on the offensive for six days, the Turks suffering heavy losses and falling back in disorder. Nothing additional came through concerning the defeat of the Turks by British forces in Mesopotamia, where the Turks were driven back along the Tigris for distances varying from

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CASUALTY LIST FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED

- 563 Private Peter J. Constantine, 20 McFarlane St. Previously reported discharged to Base Depot, Dec. 28, 1915. (Frostbite feet.) Now reported admitted to Third London General Hospital, Wandsworth—sprained ankle.
- 375 Private Thomas Humphrey, Sydney, C.B. Previously reported discharged from Hospital (Jaundice) Feb. 1. Now reported admitted to Third London General Hospital, Wandsworth—Jaundice.
- 39 Private Alfred Seymour Murray, Harbor Grace. Previously reported with frostbite, Suvia, Dec. 4, 1915. Now reported admitted to Third London General Hospital, Wandsworth—Debility.

J. R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.

8 Of Crew Still Missing

QUEENSTOWN, Apr. 14.—Sixteen members of the crew of the London steamer Isio, which was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine, landed here to-day. A boat, with eight men in it is missing.

Was Well Known In St. John's

LONDON, April 15.—The steamer Shenandoah has been sunk by a mine. The captain and crew have been landed, but two men are missing.

one and a half to three miles. London regards this victory as a step forward to the relief of the besieged British forces in Kut-el-Amara. There was one American seaman on board the British steamer Inverion, which was reported to have been sunk by a German submarine. The captain and 11 men of the crew of the vessel have been landed in England, but a boat with 11 other members of the crew is missing. The Germans not only have mined the southern entrance from the Sound to the Baltic, but also have steel nets in the Channel to trap British submarines endeavoring to enter the Baltic, says the Norwegian Shipping Gazette.

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