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Think U. S. Diplomatic Relations Will Be Severed

SMALLER NEUTRALS LOOK TO WASHINGTON

To Determine Issue Which May Mean Their Own Life or Death--Nothing Has Yet Gone Forward From Unite States to Germany.

(Special to the Whig.) London, Feb. 2.—In the presence of what may be the supreme crisis in the war word is awaited to-day from America by the neutrals of Europe with more than piquant interest than by the belligerents. The smaller neutrals, notably Holland, look to Washington to determine the issue which may mean their own life or death.

Messages to-day from Amsterdam, Rotterdam and The Hague indicate the fear that the Netherlands is doomed to be crushed between German land and undersea forces. Actual blockade, correspondents declare, means starvation. The present supplies of foodstuffs in Holland may last a month or two months, according to varying estimates. The concentration of troops on the German-Dutch frontier is the cause of constant speculation.

The London Times correspondent in Holland declared to-day: "While the Dutch, predominately cautious, feel a disposition to stand or fall by their rights their eyes are turned anxiously toward the United States, the greatest neutral, to see whether she will abandon her little sisters to their fate."

Stand by the President. (Special to the Whig.) New York, Feb. 2.—Stand by the President, was the keynote of Charles E. Hughes' comment on the international crisis to-day. Mr. Hughes' words were echoed, with variations, by other leading men of the United States.

"The time," said Hughes, "has come to show what America is made of. It is a solemn hour. We are all Americans, standing loyally behind President Wilson, on whom this great responsibility rests. The exigency of no nation can fix the limit of American rights. This is not the time to embarrass in any degree by private utterances those who have our sincere loyal co-operation."

Wilson Has Not Yet Spoken. (Special to the Whig.) Washington, Feb. 2.—The definite statement that "nothing has gone forward to Germany yet," was made to-day by the State Department relative to the present German-American crisis.

PRESSURE EXPECTED UPON GOVERNMENT And the Purchase of Camp Borden May Be Looked Into. (Special to the Whig.) Ottawa, Feb. 2.—The select standing committee of the House of Commons gathered this morning and re-elected their chairman for the session. No work has yet been mapped out for the Public Accounts Committee, whose duty it is to examine into expenditures. After adjournment, when the prime minister returns from England, further pressure will undoubtedly be brought upon the government along these lines. It is likely that investigation may be asked in connection with Camp Borden purchase.

United States Cabinet Meets. (Special to the Whig.) Washington, Feb. 2.—The Cabinet meets this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. President Wilson has been in conference all this morning with Secretary Lansing, Colonel House, and Senator Stone, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee. The meeting is expected to last some hours. It is believed there will be no hurried action.

Won't Publish Warships' Location. Washington, Feb. 2.—The Navy Department this afternoon shut down the lid on the matter of the location of warships heretofore published daily. There is much activity in all the navy yards.

The Ottawa Evening Journal and Ottawa Evening Citizen announce that on and after February 5th the price of these papers will be two cents a copy instead of one cent, as heretofore. Probably 100,000 men will be added to the French army as a result of the re-examination of 250,000 men exempted for various reasons.

OFFICIAL WAR STATEMENTS

French. Paris, Feb. 1.—The official communication issued by the War Office Thursday night reads: "There was no event of importance in the course of this day except a somewhat lively artillery action at Hartmanns-Werkkopf and east of Metzeral."

German. Berlin, Feb. 1.—The German army headquarters' statement of Thursday reads: "Western front: At many points along the front valuable information regarding the enemy was gathered by reconnoitering parties."

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CLEVER ENGLISH AMATEURS ENTERTAIN CANADIAN WOUNDED.



Some of the charming "maids of England" in their dressing room before they gave a grand New Year concert for the entertainment of Canadian and other wounded soldiers in Leicester, England.

THE WORLD'S NEWS IN BRIEF FORM.

Tidings From All Over Told in a Pithy and Pointed Way.

Mayor Mitchell, of New York, has declared in favor of "daylight saving."

The Washerwomen's Union, of Yonkers, N.Y., demand \$2 per days in future, instead of \$1.50.

Galt V. M. C. A. is now free from debt, having raised \$85,346 in the recent campaign for funds.

There will be no legislation this session for the relief of shareholders of the dead Farmers Bank.

The County Council of Oxford decided unanimously to grant to the Patriotic Fund \$6,000 a month.

Hon. A. E. Kemp, Minister of Militia, states that a French-Canadian regiment has not been authorized in Quebec.

There is still a possibility, it is said, that Hadfields, Limited, may be able to arrange with the British Government to fill their contract for shells with the United States Government.

STEAMERS SUNK. "All Well" as Steamer Nearing the Barred Zone. (Special to the Whig.) New York, Feb. 2.—The American liner Philadelphia, bound for Liverpool, with many Americans aboard, is nearing the barred zone of waters about England to-day. Capt. Candy reported "all well."

Three Men Lost. London, Feb. 2.—Three men were lost when the British steamer Ravinbourne was sunk to-day. The Norwegian steamer Heulka was also sunk.

Later—The following additional sinkings were announced: British steamer Ewojite, Spanish steamer Algorta, Belgian steamer Marcella. The last named vessel was sunk by gunfire from a submarine.

Recalled the Craft. Rotterdam, Feb. 2.—The Holland-American liner New Amsterdam, which sailed from Rotterdam on Thursday for New York, was recalled to port by the Government.

WILSON'S LAST DITCH. Germany Served the Notice of Intention to Quash Pledge. Washington, Feb. 2.—President Wilson has always held that war or a break must be avoided up to the last ditch. The present situation appeared to be the last ditch. But officials were not certain Wilson would regard it.

If he follows his Sussex note threat, he will break with Germany, they declared. The threat was to sever relations if Germany violated her pledges.

Germany now has served notice that she will break them, scatter them to the winds. There is no time for long thought. The new, gigantic war started Wednesday midnight, though neutral shipping had a few days' grace.

MARTIAL LAW DECIDED UPON (Special to the Whig.) London, Feb. 2.—Germany has decided upon martial law at Brussels in view of the forthcoming new deportation orders for 60,000 Belgian workmen.

BRITAIN WAITS WILSON'S ACTION

It Has No Desire to Dictate or to Even Suggest.

FEARS WILSON MAY LEAN

DECIDEDLY IN THE DIRECTION OF GERMANY

In Order to Obtain Peace—Germany Ignores International Law in Regard to the Submarine Blockade.

London, Feb. 2.—"What will Wilson do?" is the question re-echoing throughout Britain.

Everywhere Americans were sought for their best guesses on what action the American chief executive would take in response to what was considered here as Germany's final act of ruthlessness at sea.

Recently Britishers have been learning that American public opinion is not accurately interpreted by the attitude and editorials of the New York press—copious extracts from which are reprinted here on every occasion. There is, therefore, in view of this new British attitude, the keenest interest in American press opinions from the middle west.

If these are found to be similar in spirit to the New York newspapers, Britons feel sure President Wilson will be induced to take drastic action. Otherwise they think he may temporize.

No Desire to Dictate. The British press—although never more virulent in its denunciation against Germany than to-day—is exercising the greatest restraint in reference to America's possible course.

The general attitude seemed to-day to be "It's America's affair—we must not assume to dictate or even suggest what America should do."

The Evening News, one of the newspapers owned by Lord Northcliffe, editorially suggests its belief that President Wilson will not only continue his efforts to obtain peace, but that the German note may influence him to lean decidedly in the direction of Germany.

Gives No Right of Search. It is pointed out here that a declaration of blockade requires certain defined formalities under international law and that this state of blockade is not created by any of the generalizations to a blockade in the German note. Naval experts hold that this is a highly important distinction, as a formal declaration of blockade gives the right to search ships entering the restricted zone, when suspected of carrying contraband, but absence of a formal declaration of blockade gives no right of search or detention, much less of attacking neutral ships.

This has been one of the chief causes of controversy between Great Britain and America. As Great Britain and France have not declared a formal blockade of German ports, the United States has objected to detention of American ships. The Allied Governments have been urged to declare a blockade as a means of justifying seizures of American vessels. This, it is said here, establishes the attitude of the United States toward any detention in the absence of a formal blockade.

THE SOCIETY GETS \$10,000

CHILDREN'S AID BOARD OF NAPLANEE TO BE HELPED.

A Shelter May Be Opened—A Young Man Arrested for a Serious Crime—Offender Against Ontario Temperance Act.

(Special to the Whig.) Napawan, Feb. 1.—At the regular monthly meeting of the Children's Aid Society of Lennox and Addington, held in the Town Hall, the board of managers were greatly delighted and encouraged by an announcement made by T. B. Gorman, solicitor for the Reuben Schermerhorn estate, to the effect that the executors of the estate were going to deposit or invest \$10,000, the interest of which would be paid to the society to help carry on the work in which they are engaged. A good deal of discussion arose with reference to a shelter, but it was finally decided to lay the matter over until later.

James Boyd, a well-known local character, was taken to the House of Industry by Chief Barrett yesterday.

The ladies of Grace Church gave a very interesting programme entitled, "The New Minister's Wife," in the school room, the proceeds in aid of the funds of the Ladies' Aid.

Arthur Pennell, aged nineteen, was arrested by Chief Barrett on a charge of forging and uttering a bank cheque for \$150.—He appeared before Magistrate Rankin and was remanded for eight days.

Judgment was given to-day in the police court in the case of L. M. Brooks, charged with receiving an order for intoxicating liquor, contrary to the Ontario Temperance Act. He was found guilty and fined \$50 and costs.

On a charge of assault preferred by W. Alcombrack, F. Macdonald was found guilty and allowed to go on suspended sentence on payment of the costs of the court.

A citizen who having some difference with his wife proceeded to insult her in view of his visit and she, in retaliation, pulled her hair and bruised her face and head, and finally wound up by pulling her around the house by her hair. He will have a chance to explain his conduct before the magistrate in a few days.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Jane Shaw took place this afternoon. A service was held at her late residence on Mill street. Interment at Riverview Cemetery. Deceased was ninety-three years of age.

Accepts Call to Winnipeg. Ottawa, Feb. 2.—Captain the Rev. Basil W. Thompson, pastor of St. Paul's Methodist church here, and one of the best known ministers in the Capital, has received and accepted a call to Young Methodist church, Winnipeg, the largest congregation of the denomination in the Manitoba city. Mr. Thompson is a Queen's graduate.

Want the Law Repealed. Albany, N. Y., Feb. 2.—The repeal of the law authorizing ten-round, no-decision boxing bouts in New York was urged in a special message sent to the Legislature yesterday by Governor Whitman.

PAYS CAPTAIN \$5,000 FOR SINKING RAIDER. Boston, Feb. 2.—A reward of \$5,000 for sinking a German submarine by gunfire in the Bay of Biscay some months ago has been paid by the British Admiralty to Captain W. H. Miller of the British freighter Clan Robertson, in port here from Liverpool, it became known to-day.

TURKISH NATIONALISTS GETTING IN TOUCH

With the Entente Powers in Order to Pull Out From Germany.

Paris, Feb. 2.—Djavid Bey, former Turkish Minister of Finance, has arrived at Geneva, according to the Matin, as a delegate from the Turkish Ministry commissioned to get in touch with the Entente Powers.

Djavid Bey was selected, the Matin says, because he was the only Ottoman Minister who refused to sign the tirade proclaiming the opening of hostilities.

Another Turkish politician, Noury Bey, is at St. Moritz and is said to have declared openly that the partisans of Talat Bey, one of the Triumvirate in charge of Constantinople, are nationalists before anything else and do not intend to pull the chestnuts out of the fire for Germany.

War Tidings. Rio Janeiro hears another rumor that a German raider has been sunk. The Norwegian steamer Portia, 1,127 tons, is officially announced sunk.

General Carson has been placed in charge of the mobilization of the Canadian troops when peace comes. Four Canadian battalions are mentioned in headquarters' report for brilliant work in raiding enemy trenches.

GAS EXPLOSION KILLED MANY PEOPLE

An Eighteen-flat Tenement in Ghetto District, Chicago, Was Wrecked.

(Special to the Whig.) Chicago, Feb. 2.—Five persons are known dead, and the police estimate that at least thirty others lost their lives in the gas explosion that wrecked an eighteen flat tenement in west side early to-day. Two thousand persons, half naked and barefooted, were driven from their homes into the streets with the temperature away below zero when the buildings for several squares were rocked by the concussion.

THE STEAMER DUNDEE SUNK BY GERMANS

A Well-known Lake Carrier Has Been Reported Lost.

A former well-known lake carrier which plied between Kingston and Fort William for many years has been sunk by the Germans.

The vessel to meet disaster is the steamer Dundee. Her name is mentioned in a report which states that nine ships were sunk on Thursday, including six fishing boats. Several sailors were lost, the Germans sinking the vessels without warning.

The Dundee was taken overseas two years ago. She was a steel vessel of 2,200 tons, and was built in 1907.

WOUNDED AND MISSING NOW REPORTED DEAD

Pte. G. Preston, of Nelson Street, Has Paid the Supreme Sacrifice.

After being reported wounded and missing since October 3rd, official news has been received by Pte. G. Preston, 16 Nelson street, of the death of his son, Pte. G. Preston, aged nineteen years.

Deceased went overseas with the 59th Battalion in France. He has a brother seventeen years old, who is also fighting with the 59th Battalion. He went overseas with the 59th Battalion too.

N. B. PREMIER RESIGNS.

Hon. James A. Murray Asked to Form Government.

Frederickton, N. B., Feb. 2.—The Hon. George J. Clarke, has resigned as Premier of New Brunswick, on account of ill health.

Hon. James A. Murray, Minister of Agriculture, has been asked to form a new Cabinet.

The Hon. Mr. Clarke is understood, will succeed the Hon. Joseph Wood as Governor of New Brunswick, the latter's term expiring in March.

Man Must Obey Wife.

Cincinnati, Feb. 2.—For one year Alfred Ainsworth must obey his wife's commands or serve a suspended sentence of three months in the workhouse. In addition he must at his wife's command sign the pledge. This is the decision of Judge Fox, rendered in the Municipal court, after the wife had preferred charges of assault and battery. "If he refuses to obey you, just report to me," Judge Fox sentimentally remarked to Mrs. Ainsworth. Ainsworth meekly followed when his wife said: "Let's go home."

Paul Bilkey Honored.

Ottawa, Feb. 2.—Members of the Parliamentary Press Gallery presented Paul E. Bilkey, who leaves to take editorial charge of the Montreal Gazette after fourteen years in the Gallery, with a suitably engraved silver cigar case. Mr. Bilkey was formerly a Toronto reporter.

FEW PASSPORTS MAY BE ISSUED

The Government Will Prevent Women and Children Going to England.

AN INFLUX OF CANADIANS

WOULD AGGRAVATE FOOD SITUATION IN ENGLAND.

In Recent Months Thousands of Women and Children Have Gone Over—No New Regulations as to Passports to Men.

Ottawa, Feb. 2.—The Canadian Government is going to shut down on the issue of passports to women and children going from Canada to Great Britain. This policy does not follow as a result of the latest German campaign, but rather has been under consideration for some time.

From time to time memoranda has been issued discouraging the emigration to Great Britain of relatives of soldiers and others. Difficulties of securing transports home after the war have been mentioned, while emphasis has been placed on the fact that the Mother Country already has enough to feed. In recent months thousands have gone over, and the applications for passports continue undiminished. Any food blockade would simply be aggravated by a continued influx of Canadians.

Regulations, therefore, are about to be issued whereby passports will be refused women and children unless exceedingly good reasons are given. As regards passports to men, there are no new regulations.

THE GERMAN RAIDERS BEATEN IN A FIGHT

A British Cruiser Engaged a Foe Auxiliary Cruiser and Submarine.

Buenos Aires, Feb. 2.—The British cruiser Amethyst has arrived at Pernambuco, damaged after a fight with a German submarine and an auxiliary cruiser, according to despatches from that Brazilian city yesterday.

The encounter, it was said, occurred on January 29th north of Pernambuco. According to the reports received the Amethyst said the Germans withdrew from the fight and escaped.

WILL TELL TO-DAY.

(Special to the Whig.) Washington, Feb. 2.—President Wilson will make known the attitude of the United States in the present crisis this afternoon. Bernstorff outwardly expects the severance of diplomatic relations.

DARK MEMORANDUM

Band at Palace Hink tonight. Stockey, Queen's vs Ayra Lee, 8.15 p.m.

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Y.W.C.A. collection of waste paper is unavoidably postponed until Saturday, Feb. 10th. Watch for it then.

BORN.

REVELL—At Bath, on Jan. 25th, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Revel, (nee Ellen Halligan) son, stillborn.

MARRIED

COOK-RIFLEY—In Kingston, on Thursday, Feb. 1st, 1917, by Rev. J. D. Ellis, Mr. Harry E. Ripley, of Portland, Ont., to Herbert H. Cook, of this city.

SEALIS-MASSEY—At the home of the bride, St. Lawrence Avenue, on Thursday evening, Feb. 1st, 1917, by Rev. George W. Hill, Helen Massey, daughter of Mrs. John Massey, and Samuel Garrett Sealis, of the Perth Road.

DIED

McFARLANE—In Kingston, on February 1st, 1917, John Geddes McFarlane, aged 89 years.

Funeral from his late residence, 229 Nelson street, on Saturday morning at 10.30 o'clock in Cathedral cemetery. Service at 11 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

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By all our dear and splendid dead, By all the blood and all the tears That British hearts and eyes have shed

Is our long agony of years, There is no ending to the fight Till, smitten by the final thrust, The powers of darkness and of night Are sprung and trampled in the dust.

Touchstone, in London Daily Mail.