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CHINESE LIVES ARE IMPERILLED

China Threatens to Break With Germany Over Submarine Policy.

MUST STOP THE WARFARE

NOTE PRESENTED TO THE GERMAN MINISTER AT PEKIN.

The Text of the Note—Already the Submarining Has Cost China Many Lives and Constitutes a Violation of International Law.

Pekin Feb. 12.—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 to-day. The text of the note in part is as follows:

"The new measures of submarine warfare inaugurated by Germany are imperilling 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. The toleration of their application would introduce into international law arbitrary principles incompatible with legitimate intercourse between neutrals and between neutrals and belligerents.

"China, therefore, protests energetically to Germany against the measures proclaimed on February 1st and sincerely hopes that the rights of neutral states will be respected and that the said measures will not be carried out. If contrary to expectation this protest be ineffective, China will be contrained, to its profound regret, to sever diplomatic relations. It is unnecessary to add that China's action is dictated by a desire for further peace and the maintenance of international law."

BROKEN OFF DIPLOMATICALLY WITH GERMANY

London, Feb. 12.—China has broken off diplomatic relations with Germany it was authoritatively reported here this afternoon.

ONLY ONE MARKET.

The Prices Offered on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

	Open.	2.30 p.m.
Steamships	32	33⅜
Smelters	30⅛	
Locomotive	53	52½
Dominion Steel	61½	
Cement	61	
War Loan 1931	97⅝	
War loan 1925	98	
General Electric	110	

No sessions at New York or Chicago because of Lincoln's birthday.

No passports are hereafter to be issued to Canadians going to Great Britain unless there is great urgency or importance in their going, and they are financially able to support themselves while there, and to return.

U.S. NAVY RESERVE GUNS

Will Soon be Available to American Ship Owners.

(Special to the Whig.)

Washington, Feb. 12.—Reserve guns of the U.S. navy, designed for use on merchant auxiliaries and submarine chasers, will probably be available soon to American ship owners who brave the German danger zone. The Navy Department has a number of these guns, which it is said to-day could be even loaded directly if necessary. They are just the type for merchant ships. While the State Department has held that direct transfer could be made, there were signs to-day that the Government desired to avoid making such arming appear to be an official move.

TO PERSONALLY INVESTIGATE.

Conditions Causing Coal Congestion at the Border.

(Special to the Whig.)

Ottawa, Feb. 12.—Sir Henry Drayton, chairman of the Dominion Railway Commission, left by special train this afternoon for the Niagara frontier to personally investigate the conditions causing the coal congestion at the border. Reports from all parts of Ontario to-day indicate that the situation is more critical than ever before. When Sir Henry arrived from Ottawa to-day his special car was hitched to an engine and given clear track orders for the coal ports.

LONDON TIMES AGAIN INCREASES

Prefers to Advance Charge to Reducing Its Size.

London, Feb. 12.—The Times announces a raise in price on February 1st to four cents, the purpose being to reduce the sale and save white paper tonnage. This is preferred to reducing the size. It appeals to readers to revive the old custom of one paper to two families, dividing the cost, thus cutting circulation. If this is not effective a further increase in price is quickly probable.

STEAMERS ARRIVED

And Will Await the Action of the U. S. Government.

(Special to the Whig.)

New York, Feb. 12.—The American liners New York and Kroonland arrived to-day and tied up to their piers till the Government makes some decision about the protection of United States liners in the war zone.

Celebrated the Event.

(Special to the Whig.)

New York, Feb. 12.—Lincoln's birthday was celebrated to-day in all parts of the northern and western states. Stocks and grain markets at Chicago and New York were closed, also most of the federal and state offices.

Quite True, They Were Not.

(Special to the Whig.)

Berlin, Feb. 12.—Trenches captured by British forces south-east of Serre have been evacuated by the Germans because they were unserviceable, to-day's official report asserted.

Repulsed the Austrians.

(Special to the Whig.)

Rome Feb. 12.—The repulse of continuous attacks by large picked forces of Austrians on the Carso front was reported in to-day official statement.

A prairie fire gave the Calgary firemen a run, while at Banff a winter carnival is in full swing.

GIRL WORKERS RIDE OLD DOBBIN NOW.

The caption lines for this London Daily Mirror picture say the sleigh is more generally in use this year in many parts of England than ever before. The farm help in the photo are on their way home from a hard day's work.

AMERICANS HELD AS HOSTAGES

By Germany For Retaliatory Measures in Case U.S. Declares War.

GERARD REFUSED TO SIGN

A TREATY TO ALLOW GERMAN SHIPS TO LEAVE

American Harbors in Case of War—Gerard Is Using Code Message to Washington for First Time From a Neutral Ports.

(Special to the Whig.)

Berne, Switzerland, Feb. 12.—This is the first despatch received direct from Carl Ackerman, United Press correspondent, since he passed beyond the control of German censorship. He is a member of the immediate party with Ambassador Gerard, and has been in Germany or with the German troops ever since the war started.

(By Carl W. Ackerman.)

Berne via Paris, Feb. 12.—Germany is delaying the departure of American citizens in Berlin for possible retaliatory measures in case United States declares war.

Practically a demand was made upon Ambassador Gerard before he left Berlin to sign a treaty in effect guaranteeing permission for German ships to leave American harbors in case of war, this "ultimatum" being backed up with a threat to hold American correspondents as hostages if such action were not taken.

Mr. Gerard, it is reliably reported, told the German official who brought this threat that if Americans were forced to remain in Germany, America would regard such action as cause for war. He refused to sign.

Switzerland is granting Americans every courtesy and hospitality. Ambassador Gerard has begun communicating with President Wilson at Washington, using code messages for the first time from a neutral point.

Railway To Free Ice Port.

Ottawa, Feb. 12.—The trade report contains the information that the Murman railway from Petrograd to the ice-free port of Alexandrovsk has been completed and the road is of great importance for the importation of munitions, since it provides access to a barbor on the Arctic Ocean, which, unlike Archangel, comes under the influence of the Gulf stream and is open for navigation the year round. The line, 700 miles long, has been completed before the anticipated time in face of formidable engineering difficulties.

THE DUKE APPOINTED

To Investigate the Promotion of Canadian Officers.

(Special to the Whig.)

London, Feb. 12.—The Duke of Connaught will be appointed inspector-general of overseas troops, according to The Times. The paper intimates that the duke will investigate the question of the promotion of Canadian officers, which has been a subject of criticism here.

Fighting Activities.

(Special to the Whig.)

Paris, Feb. 12.—Patrol activity in the Champagne and Argonne theatres of war and successful raids in Argonne and near Hill 304 were the only fighting activities reported in to-day's official statement. Elsewhere it was calm, report said.

Where Germany Saves.

Shanghai, Feb. 12—The East Asiatic Lloyd's announces officially that the German Overseas News Agency service from New York, which costs $50,000 gold monthly, has been suspended.

Canadian Casualties.

Dangerously Ill—N. Ferris, Brockville.

Wounded—L. Howden, J. W. S. Marshall, Peterboro; J. Roy, Campbellford.

85 GERMAN U-BOATS IN ONE BRITISH PORT

President of Columbia Says the British Have Captured 200 Altogether.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 12.—Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, declared in an interview here Saturday that the submarine Deutschland has been captured by the British.

"I have positive knowledge," he sand, "that the Deutschland is one of the 85 German submarines in one British port. I know that the British have captured not less than 200 German submarines.

"The Deutschland now lying at Bremen is another submarine with that name painted on it to support the story that the submarine carrier never started on a third trip," Butler said.

The German submarine plan will not succeed, Butler claimed. The British patrol and the active submarine arm of the British navy will prove their efficiency to adequately and most effectively deal with the blockade, he declared.

DISAPPROVES OF STAND OF HON. R. ROGERS

Mr. Willoughby, Leader of Saskatchewan Conservative Party, Speaks Out.

Regina, Sask., Feb. 13.—In the Saskatchewan Legislature W. B. Willoughby, leader of the Conservative party, made the public statement that he did not approve of the stand taken by Hon. Robert Rogers relative to Justice Galt, that he had never approved of this stand, and that he had never, at any place, inside or outside the House, expressed himself as approving of Mr. Rogers' attitude. At the moment of making the statement he was referring to letters written by members of the Legislature to papers criticizing the judgment of the Royal Commissioners, in connection with the liquor charges recently heard.

VILLA HAS 25,000 SOLDIERS.

Bandit's Forces Said to be Approaching Juarez.

New York, Feb. 12.—General Francisco Villa, with a force of 25,000 men, supported by thirty cannon of 65 and 75 milimetres each and 75 machine guns, is occupying territory vacated by the American forces under Gen. Pershing and gradually advancing northward to take Juarez, according to an official communication received here by John J. Haws, Villa's representative in New York from Zippolito Villa, brother of the leader, who is making his headquarters in San Antonio.

Field headquarters of Villa have been established at San Andreas, 30 miles from Chihuahua, the statement said.

DUKE OF NORFOLK DEAD.

His Eight-year-old Son Succeeds to the Title.

LATE DUKE OF NORFOLK

(Special to the Whig.)

London, Feb. 12.—The Duke of Norfolk is dead. His son, eight years old, succeeds to his title and estates. The late duke was a Roman Catholic.

GERMANY WANTS TO KEEP PEACE

With the United States And is Sending Note Through Swiss Minister.

"MUM" IS NOW THE WORD

AT WASHINGTON WITH REGARD TO SITUATION.

Germany Puts the Onus of Suggesting a Method to Relieve Both British and German Blockades Upon the United States.

Washington, Feb. 12.—The first real sign that agencies are at work to prevent an armed clash between Germany and the United States came this afternoon, when it was learned on highest authority that Germany wants the United States to suggest some way in which to prevent what has for a week appeared to be an inevitable conflict.

This sign, it is understood, is in the form of a communication either already transmitted through the Swiss embassy here, or now on its way. The Swiss minister, Dr. Paul Ritter, is understood to have received knowledge of its contents, though he refuses to confirm this. He also refuses to deny it.

Dr. Ritter, in charge of German affairs here since the break in relations last Saturday, is believed to have been informd that Germany wants the United States to suggest a line of policy whereby Germany may not need to rescind her barred zone decree, but whereby she can avoid further breaks with neutrals, and preserve peace with the United States.

This latest development, it is known, is apart from the movement of neutrals, who have been holding "exchanges of views" as to a neutral conference to be held shortly in Madrid, to discuss measures for concert of action in keeping any nations from entering the war.

Want No Break With Austria.

An effort has been under way for a week to avoid a break between this country and Austria, although it is known that Austria has officially backed up Germany's new submarine decree.

Ambassador Von Bernstorff is determined to do all he can upon reaching Berlin to restore friendly relations, and may already have laid the foundations for that objective.

It is believed possible Germany's decision to communicate with this Government has resulted from the combination of all three of these influences.

It is suggested as a possibility that Germany may be asking the United States to suggest a means also of combating the British blockade, and saving the German people from starvation, without risking the danger of war with the United States.

BRAZIL DEFIES HUNS.

Will Not Recognize the Blockade as Effective.

Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 12.—Brazil does not recognize the German submarine barred zone and blockade as effective. This is the answer of the Brazilian Government to the American note to neutrals, which was delivered to the American Embassy today.

The Brazilian note to Germany in refusing to recognize the blockade and protesting against it and its consequences, puts upon Germany the responsibility for any harm that may come to Brazilian property resulting from violation of recognized principles of international law or treaties to which Brazil and Germany are parties.

Lt.-Col. Fife is Dead.

London, Feb. 12.—Lieut.-Col. Alexander John Fife, of the machine gun section, died Saturday of heart failure, aged thirty-six. He was aide to Earl Grey when the latter was Governor-General of Canada.

NO STARVATION AMONG BELGIANS

Never Would Be Any if Relief Commission Can Obtain Funds.

Philadelphia, Feb. 12.—Herbert C. Hoover, Chairman of the Commission for Relief in Belgium, told members of the City Club, in an address that there is no starvation in Belgium at present, and that there would not be any "as long as the Commission is given the funds to continue its work."

He said that the Belgians are now healthy. "But," he added, "it is the vital duty of Americans to give aid that this health may be maintained. Without this aid Belgium must starve."

Mr. Hoover said the Relief Commission is short between four and five million dollars a month in its budget. "This is due largely to the fact that we have taken on additional loads," he said. "Recently we have been feeding 1,200,000 school children at a cost of more than $1,000,000 a month. We must raise this money by some means other than Government subsidies, and we appeal to the citizens of the United States to help with the burden."

JUMPED TO DEATH OR WERE BURNED

The Destruction on Monday Morning of the Kenwood Hotel.

(Special to the Whig.)

Minneapolis, Feb. 12.—Two persons jumped to death when fire destroyed the Kenwood Hotel here early to-day, and it is feared that a dozen other missing persons also have perished.

Five persons, clinging to a window ledge, from which they were preparing to leap, were seen to fall back into the flaming building when the ledge gave way. An explosion of gasoline in the basement is thought to have caused the fire.

Thirteen lives are now known lost. The Kenwood Hotel was a fashionable residence hotel. All the victims are prominent citizens.

GERMANY SUFFERING GREATLY FOR FOOD

This Is the Statement of Americans Coming Out With Gerard.

Berne, Feb. 12.—The American Ambassador Gerard, who is here with 200 Americans, expects to sail for the United States on Feb. 24th from Barcelona, Spain. Americans with the diplomatic and consular party declared to-day that while Germany is suffering greatly from the British "starvation blockade," the nation apparently is resolved to continue the policy of unlimited submarinings come what may. Gerard himself refused to be interviewed.

FLEET DESTROYED.

The Turks Black Sea Fleet Has Been Wiped Out.

(Special to the Whig.)

Rome, Feb. 12.—The Turks' Black Sea fleet has been practically destroyed by the Russians. Germans dominate all things in Turkey, and the Turks would welcome peace.

One Vessel Sunk.

(Special to the Whig.)

London, Feb. 12.—The British steamer Saloga, 3,811 tons, was the only ship reported sunk by German submarines on Sunday.

Steamer Lost To-day.

(Special to the Whig.)

London, Feb. 12.—The British steamer Netherlee, 4,227 tons, has been sunk.

VESSEL AT ST. JOHN.

Passed Through Danger Zone and Saw Sinking Ships.

(Special to the Whig.)

St. John, N.B., Feb. 12.—A big liner reached here with many wounded officers and men, including Major Hamilton Gault. She passed through the submarine zone on Feb. 2nd and saw two sinking steamers.

Sugar 13 Cents a Pound.

Philadelphia, Feb. 12.—Sugar sold at 13 cents a pound here to-day as the result of strikes in sugar refineries here. Thousands of housewives were unable to buy any sugar at all, and many restaurants were forced to put their customers "on rations." One thousand stevedores went out in sympathy with the sugar workers further crippling the trade.

Rats Menace to French Army.

Paris, Feb. 12.—Rats are quite as numerous on the French front as during the second winter campaign. They multiply faster than the number of dogs sent to the trenches to fight them and are now, it is reported, menacing the army with an epidemic of jaundice.

WAR BULLETINS.

One report says the British have already entered Kut-el-Amara, the Turks retiring at all points.

Haig's troops continue their successes on the Ancre River.

Kaiser Wilhelm is having a conference with the leaders of the other central powers on the submarine issue.

U-BOATS MISS 1,100 VESSELS

Which Sailed From or Arrived at British Ports Feb. 1st to 9th.

THE UNDERSEA ACTIVITY

A FAILURE AS FAR AS STARVATION IS CONCERNED.

United States May Army Ships Soon—American Line Will Not Allow Its Ships to Sail Without Protection.

New York, Feb. 12.—More than 1,100 vessels have arrived at or sailed unharmed from United Kingdom ports during the first nine days of Germany's unrestricted submarine warfare in British waters, according to an announcement made here Saturday by persons in authoritative touch with British Admiralty officials.

Seven hundred vessels entered United Kingdom ports safely and 410 departed, according to this information. The Admiralty officials are declared to be convinced that Germany's renewed undersea activity is a failure in so far as it intends to bring about starvation of the people of the British Isles.

Other figures declared to have been received from Admiralty sources covering the U-boat operations from Feb. 1st to Feb. 9th, inclusive, show that sixteen ships escaped after being attacked. The total number of vessels destroyed within the period, according to the figures, was 89. Of these, 21 were trawlers and smacks.

May Arm U.S. Ships.

New York, Feb. 12.—The United States Government as the controlling source of proper sized armament for merchant ships, may soon lend its aid to supplying such vessels with armament.

Official hint to the effect was forthcoming to-day, while the State Department held there would be nothing hostile if the Navy Department should use some of its guns to supply merchantmen.

Unless the United States Government provides convoys or guns and gunners to protect its ships, the American Line, owners of the steamships St. Louis, St. Paul and other lines, will not send them across the Atlantic, it was announced here by P. A. S. Franklin, president of the International Mercantile Marine.

GEN. JONES' NEW ROLE

He Has Been Appointed Canadian Medical Commissioner.

London, Feb. 12.—Gen. Carleton Jones has been appointed Canadian Medical Commissioner, and will proceed to Canada on duty for two months to co-ordinate the services to meet the requirements at the front, after which he will return here to carry out such inspection work as the Minister may assign to him. For this reason Gen. Jones relinquishes the position of Director of Medical Services.

DAILY MEMORANDUM

City Council, 8 p.m.

Band at the Palace Rink tonight.

Hockey, Depot Batteries vs. 247th Battalion, 8.15.

See top of page 3, right hand corner for probabilities.

The Home Nursing class conducted by Dr. Jones, will be held at the hospital on Thursday evening, Feb. 15th, at 7.30 o'clock.

BORN

WENBORN—At Kingston General Hospital, on Feb. 11th, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wenborn, 24 Frontenac street, a daughter, Florence Dorothea Alice.

MARRIED

CHERRY-McGLYNN—In Kingston, on Feb. 12th, 1917, by the Rev. Canon W. F. FitzGerald, M.A., Annie I., daughter of the late John and Annie McGlynn, to Preston J., son of the late Wm. G. Cherry, and of Mrs. Cherry, Barrie street, Kingston, both of this city.

DIED.

COCKADE—In Kingston, on February 10th, 1917, Elizabeth Burnes, beloved wife of William Cockade, age 53 years and 10 months.

Funeral (private) from her late residence, 120 Division street, Tuesday, February 13th, at 2.30 o'clock, to Cataraqui cemetery.

CRANSTON—At Kepler, Ont., on February 11th, 1917, Levi Cranston.

Funeral on Tuesday the 13th, at 10.30 a.m., from his late residence to Cataraqui cemetery.

Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend.

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... OFFICIAL WAR STATEMENTS ...

French.

Paris, Feb. 11.—The official communication issued by the War Office Sunday night read:

"The artillery was moderately active along the whole front."

The Sunday afternoon report said:

"In the forest of Apremont we penetrated the enemy's lines and made nine prisoners, including three non-commissioned officers.

"In the Argonne and in Lorraine the Germans attempted surprise attacks, which failed under our infantry fire.

"On the remainder of the front the night was calm."

Saturday night's report read:

"West of Pont-a-Mousson we carried out a surprise attack, and brought back ten prisoners. On the two banks of the Meuse there were spirited reciprocal artillery actions. No infantry action occurred. On the rest of the front there was the usual cannonade."

Russian.

Petrograd, Feb. 11.—Sunday's War Office report read:

"Western (Russian) front: After violent artillery preparation a German force of about two companies, wearing white overalls, launched an attack against a sectir of our position north of Stanislau and penetrated our trenches. In a counter-attack by our reserves the Germans were driven out.

"Rumanian front—There has been an exchange of fire.

"Caucasus front—Scouting reconnaissances have been conducted. At some points on the front heavy snow is falling.

"On the Black Sea three enemy schooners loaded with corn were sunk by our vessels near the Anatolian coast."

Italian.

Rome, Feb. 11.—Sunday's War Office report read:

"There have been desultory artillery actions in the Trentind. Our batteries shelled enemy positions on Monte Creino and dispersed enemy supply columns on the northern slopes of Monte Pasubio.

"On the Julian front the enemy artillery showed increased activity. In the area east of Gorrizia on the night of Friday, after heavy artillery and trench mortar preparation, the enemy in considerable force attacked our positions on the western slopes of Santa Caterina, north-west of San Marco, and east of Vertolbizza, between Sober and the Gorrizia-Dornberg railway. After heavy fighting the enemy was epulsed nearly everywhere. Some very small portions of our front line trenches which hvae not yet been reoccupied are kept under our heavy barrage fire. We captured more than 70 prisoners.

"In Albania two enemy reconnoitring seaplanes were brought down in the vicinity of Sabino. Four aviators and one machine were captured. The other machine sank."

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Familiar Quotations

Whatever I have tried to do in life, I have tried with all my heart to do well; whatever I have devoted myself to, I have devoted myself to completely; in great aim and in small, I have always been thoroughly in earnest.—Dickens.