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U. S. WON'T DISCUSS TENTATIVE DRAFT OF GERMAN REPLY

AMBASSADOR GERARD INSTRUCTED NOT TO COMMENT ON DRAFT

PROPOSALS ARE UNSATISFACTORY

Germany Fails to Admit Liability in Case of Lusitania—Other Conditions Unacceptable.

Washington, July 8.—The United States won't engage informally in discussion or negotiation with Germany regarding the character of the forthcoming reply to the American note on submarine warfare. Ambassador Gerard at Berlin has been informed that such is the president's decision and told not to make any comment on the tentative draft given him by the German foreign office. If asked for an expression he is to say the United States will await the formal reply before discussing the matter further.

The outline of the German note called by Gerard is known to be far from satisfactory to officials. In respect to the sinking of the Lusitania no admission of liability is made. The view is expressed, though that it wasn't believed the Lusitania would sink as rapidly as she did.

As for the future, Americans would be allowed to travel safely on high seas as passengers on American ships or belligerents not carrying munitions of war.

The United States would be required to inform the German government of the date of departure and character of vessels carrying Americans and guarantee that such ships carried no war munitions.

High officials here stated today it would be an unneutral act for the United States to notify any belligerent of the date of departure or character of any belligerent merchantman.

The German ambassador in a wireless communication to his government, is understood to have informed his government that its proposals appeared not acceptable to the United States. The American government is understood to be willing to assist in making arrangements for the safe carriage of Americans aboard belligerent passenger ships not carrying munitions. For the United States to make concessions of its own initiative, it is held, would imperil the entire fabric of American rights with other belligerents.

Expect Reply Saturday.

Berlin, July 8.—The German reply to the American note on the Lusitania and submarine warfare will probably be delivered Saturday, July 10th; possibly even tomorrow. The general tenor and motive of the government behind the proposal may be communicated confidentially to leading representatives of the press tomorrow. It is understood, however, publication of the text in Berlin will be deferred until the afternoon of the day or which it is presented at Washington.

REASSURING REPORTS ON MEXICAN AFFAIRS

Official Apprehension Somewhat Relieved by Late Advances.

Washington, July 8.—More reassuring advices from Mexico City served today to lessen official apprehension over the situation there. The latest dispatch from Mexico City by courier, though several days old, reported the food riots had been checked and conditions were greatly improved generally. The food situation, however, is still serious and unrest existed. There is still some anxiety among Washington officials because there is no news regarding the renewing of hostilities between the Carranza and Zapata forces at Mexico City.

Washington, July 8.—The state department advices from Vera Cruz today reported the Carranza forces have pushed their attack on the forces defending Mexico City up to within ten miles of the capital. Their military trains are operating that close to the city.

ENGLAND WANTS INFORMATION ON NEUTRALITY LAW

ACTION ARISES FROM ENLISTMENTS OF BRITISH RECRUITS IN U. S.

CONTROVERSY MAY DEVELOP

Britain Prepared to Enter Protest If Actions are Declared Illegal.

Washington, July 8.—The British ambassador formally applied to the state department today for a definition of the American government's view as to whether English patriotic societies or unofficial agencies violate United States neutrality laws in sending British subjects from the United States to volunteer in the British army. Conference between the state and justice departments will be held before an answer is given a serious diplomatic controversy may develop. It is said the British are prepared to register an emphatic protest if the position is taken that is illegal. The indictment at San Francisco of five persons charged with enlisting recruits for the British army precipitated the action.

THAW EXAMINED BY PROSECUTION

Questioned on Important Incidents of Life, Including Wedding and Crime.

New York, July 8.—The jury which will pass on the sanity of Harry K. Thaw today had an opportunity to study Thaw for seven hours. Thaw was under cross examination by attorneys for the state, who are trying to prove that he is suffering from paranoia and should be sent back to Matteawan. He was questioned about every incident of his life from school days to his marriage to Evelyn Nesbit, from the slaying of Stanford White to his trials on the charge of murder and his life at Matteawan.

The greater part of the time Thaw seemed self contained. At times he became nervous and on one occasion showed signs of anger. He was disposed to answer at length. Sometimes he made rambling legal arguments which Deputy Attorney General Cook didn't try to stop. At other times he answered briefly and concisely.

Thaw was ready for the suggested night session, but his attorneys objected. A dozen spectators rushed forward and congratulated Thaw on his showing.

WEALTHY CHICAGO LUMBERMAN FOUND DEAD AT COUNTRY HOME

Chicago, July 8.—Frank P. Graves, aged forty-four, wealthy president of a North Carolina land company, was found dead in a garage at his home in Lake Forest today, with a revolver by his side. He was shot in the head. The coroner's verdict was that he met death "by hands unknown."

To Resentence Vaughn.

Columbia, July 8.—The remittitur of the state supreme court and a copy of the mandate of the federal supreme court in the T. U. Vaughn case were mailed to the clerk of court of Greenville county today by U. R. Brooks, clerk of the state supreme court, under the law Vaughn again will be sentenced to death at the next term of court for Greenville county unless other legal steps are taken in his behalf.

TORNADO TAKES HEAVY TOLL IN MIDDLE WEST

MANY DEAD AND MISSING IN STORM-STRICKEN DISTRICTS

PROPERTY LOSS EXCEEDS MILLIONS

Two Steamboats Sunk and Hundred Houses Demolished at Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, July 8.—With twenty-five known dead, ten missing and the property loss exceeding a million dollars, Cincinnati tonight is at work toward recovery from probably the worst storm in its history. The storm broke at nine-thirty last night. Half an hour later telephone service was paralyzed and street car service suspended. Two steamboats were sunk, a hundred houses demolished and hundreds damaged.

Chicago, July 8.—According to figures compiled today, more than fifty persons were killed and several scores injured by a violent wind and rain storm which extended from Nebraska to Ohio last night. Property damage estimated several million dollars.

The greatest loss of life was in Cincinnati and vicinity, where thirty-three known to be dead and fifteen are missing. Eighteen were deck hands who were drowned when the towboat Convoy capsized on the Ohio river.

In eastern Missouri the storm assumed the proportions of a tornado, demolishing 162 blocks in St. Charles, a town of eleven thousand population. St. Peters and Gilmore, Missouri villages almost wiped out, but only one person was killed in the two towns.

In southern Indiana three were killed and many injured. Wires were demoralized and many buildings unroofed.

Several northern Kentucky towns damaged, but no loss of life is known.

TWO HELD FOR ANCIENT CRIME

Wealthy Iowans Charged With Double Murder Committed Forty-Eight Years Ago.

Bedford, Ia., July 8.—Bates Huntsman, aged seventy, who is prominent here was arrested today charged with the murder in eighteen sixty eight of an unidentified cattleman and his son. He is also alleged to have been a member of a counterfeiting gang before the civil war.

Henry Selbner, a wealthy cattleman was arrested as an accomplice, and a third man is being sought. The arrests followed an attempt by Samuel Anderson of Lucas, Iowa, to file a civil suit to force the men named in the warrants to give him a fourth share of ninety thousand dollars said to have been found twelve years ago on a farm near Slam, Iowa.

U. S. TAKES OVER SAYVILLE PLANT

Washington, July 8.—The United States government today took over the Sayville wireless station, the only remaining privately owned means of direct communication between the United States and Germany. Secretary Daniels announced that Captain Boullard, head of the naval radio service would continue the operation of the station with naval forces.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY TO WORK IN NEGRO CHURCHES

Chicago, July 8.—Delegates to the World's Christian Endeavor Convention here today voted to extend the Christian endeavor work into negro churches. They will establish a Southern extension committee to further the work.

Naval Militia Gets Funds.

Columbia, July 8.—Gov. Manning has been notified by W. B. Benson, acting secretary of the navy that the division of the South Carolina naval militia having complied with the law, will participate in the annual allotment of the federal funds for the fiscal year, 1915.

Gitano Heights in San Marino and Its Rulers



San Marino, the smallest republic in the world and the oldest state in Europe, with an area of only thirty-eight square miles and a population of about 11,000 recently flashed into the limelight by declaring war against Germany and Austria-Hungary. Curiously enough the oldest document which defines the status of this tiny republic is a declaration of war which San Marino made against what was then the Germans. In the eighth century she declared war on Charlemagne. It is said that Charlemagne

died before the news of San Marino's defiance reached him.

San Marino lies about twenty-five miles south of Ravenna and sixteen miles from the Adriatic. It is distinguished by four rocky peaks, all fortified. According to tradition it was founded by Saint Marinus and a band of Christians fleeing from the persecutions of Emperor Diocletian about the year 300. San Marino is governed by a general assembly of sixty members, from which two regents are elected to exercise executive power. The republic has an army of thirty-nine officers and 950 men.

STATE BAPTIST ASSEMBLY AND BIBLE CONFERENCE MEETING IN GREENVILLE

Greenville, July 8.—The plans for South Carolina's greatest religious and social gatherings are complete. By Friday afternoon it is expected that five hundred workers will have arrived to attend the first annual convention of the South Carolina Baptist assembly and Bible conference, the first meeting of which will be held tomorrow evening at 8:30 o'clock in the First Baptist church. The Rev. Thos. J. Watts, with headquarters at Columbia, general secretary arrived this afternoon and will be on hand with Greenville people to welcome the visiting guests.

The van of the delegates will arrive tonight. Each incoming train will bring many. This great throng will consist of pastors, Sunday school officers and teachers, B. Y. P. U. workers, the workers of the Y. M. U. and its auxiliaries, educational leaders and other Christian workers. They will come from every section of South Carolina. Many of them will attend the assembly while en route to the mountains for their vacations. And as Secretary Watts said, "There is no more delightful place to spend one's vacation than Greenville."

PHARMACISTS OF STATE ADJOURN ANNUAL MEETING

Greenville, July 8.—After a profitable and pleasurable convention at Chick Springs, the South Carolina Pharmaceutical Association adjourned its 39th annual meeting this afternoon to meet next year at the Isle of Palms, near Charleston. The last day of the convention was characterized by the re-election of all officers, the reading of several papers, address by C. E. Smith and W. H. Darby and the adoption of resolutions. The next meeting of the executive board will be held in Greenwood on November 17. One new member was added to

the examiners' board, R. M. Dacus of Greenville.

The convention offered resolutions of thanks to the management of Chick Springs for the interest shown in the entertainment of the delegates present.

The meeting was a very enjoyable one from the very beginning. All the delegates went away full of admiration for the Piedmont section.

Seventy-five or more delegates attended the State Pharmacists' convention at Chick Springs yesterday and today.

RUSSIANS HOLD UP TEUTONS' ATTEMPT TO REACH WARSAW

FIRE ON SHIP MAY BE TRACED TO FRANK HOLT

OFFICIALS INVESTIGATING BLAZE ON STEAMER MINNEHAHA

VESSEL SPEEDING BACK TO HALIFAX

Carries Fifteen Thousand Tons of War Munitions—Captain Reports Fire Under Control.

New York, July 8.—Officials of the Atlantic Transport Line and authorities were tonight trying to learn if the blaze on the steamship Minnehaha was the work of Frank Holt. The Minnehaha is speeding for Halifax. She has fifteen thousand tons of war munitions. The captain's latest message said the fire was under control.

Caused by Explosion.

New York, July 8.—Captain Claret of the Minnehaha wireless the line here about noon that the ship's fire was caused by an explosion. It is stated that the Minnehaha carried large quantity of ammunition. It is conjectured here that the blaze was possibly started by a bomb which Holt might have placed there. The line's officials said it was possible he might have placed the bomb, but this is unconfirmed.

Carries No Passengers.

New York, July 8.—The Minnehaha left New York July 4, via Halifax. She hadn't reached Halifax when the message announcing the fire was sent. The captain asserted that the fire is not serious. The vessel carried no passengers.

New York, July 8.—The Police today continued investigations to ascertain whether Frank Holt planted bombs aboard any steamship now en route across the Atlantic. As a result of wireless warnings reassuring messages were received from the liners Saxonia and Philadelphia in midocean, saying they had been searched and no bombs were found. Efforts are being made to discover what became of sixty pounds of dynamite missing from Holt's store of explosives hidden here. Arrangements were made to hold an inquest over Holt's suicide today.

J. P. Morgan, who was shot by Holt is able to walk about his house at Glen Cove today.

PARDON BOARD WILL HEAR MANY PETITIONS

Over Thirty Petitions for Executive Clemency to Be Considered.

Columbia, July 8.—Over thirty petitions for clemency were submitted to the state board of pardons which convened in quarterly session this morning in the office of the secretary of state. The board will be in session probably two more days and will file a written recommendation with Governor Manning. Members of the board are: D. G. Ellison of Columbia, H. C. Tillman of Greenwood, W. J. Jenkinson of Kingstree.

MINORITY STOCKHOLDERS SUIT HAS BEEN DISMISSED

Boston, July 8.—The minority stockholders' suit to recover one hundred and two million dollars from former and present directors of the New Haven railroad, who were charged with the responsibility for alleged improper expenditures, was dismissed today by the state supreme court.

William G. Rockefeller, Lewis Cass Ledyard, James Utton and Charles S. Mellon were among the defendants.

AUSTRIANS ADMIT WITHDRAWAL FROM HILLS NORTH OF KRASNIK

AUSTRIANS SINK ITALIAN CRUISER

First Serious Loss Encountered by Italians—Belligerents Building Many Submarines.

London, July 8.—The Italian navy suffered its first serious loss when an Austrian submarine torpedoed the cruiser Amalfi in the Adriatic. Most of the crew were saved. As an offset it is claimed a French warship sunk a German submarine in the Channel. The British admiralty announced tonight that it was a British submarine which torpedoed a German warship in the Baltic recently, although no details are added to the brief statement of the Russians official communication issued the day after the attack took place.

All belligerents are rapidly building submarines. The Austrians are reported to have nine at Pola alone.

As far as land battles are concerned interest still centers in Southern Poland, where the Russians, strongly reinforced, hold up the Austro-German attempt to outflank Warsaw from the southwest. The Austrians tonight admit they have withdrawn from the hills north of Krasnik before superior Russian forces. Further heavy fighting must take place in this region.

Russian military writers express confidence that any effort by the German allies to deliver a lightning blow has been discounted and the Russians can hold their positions and perhaps drive the invaders back. While this is going on it is believed there is a probability of the Germans detaching the eastern forces for a renewed attack in the west. If such an effort is made it must be undertaken by fresh troops. There is already heavy fighting in the west, especially in the Woeyre district.

London, July 8.—Strong Russian reinforcements between the rivers Vistula and Bug have compelled the Austro-Hungarians driving toward Warsaw from the south to assume the defensive. The section where the Russians are making a stand is held almost exclusively by Austrians and according to official reports, the Austrians seem to be finding themselves in difficulties. The expected German offensive in the west has not developed, but reports of big German troop movements to the west front are persistent.

Berlin's claim that the Germans have taken trenches near Ypres in Belgium is not confirmed from British nor French sources. At several points the Germans have been attacking, violently, but the only appreciable loss conceded by Paris is in the St. Mihiel district, where the Germans capture a strip of trenches 700 yards long. The German official statement doubles this distance. The French statement says there were violent infantry actions north of Arras last night, declares the Germans were repulsed between Angeres and Souchez, and the French took a line of German trenches near Souchez. Souchez has been bombarded by the French and there is also a report of heavy fighting in the Argonne and between the Meuse and Meuse rivers last night.

Letting the Turks attack with a result of heavy losses has been the recent role of the British operating against the Dardanelles. Gen. Hamilton's report yesterday said for the first time the Turks are showing no disposition to attack.

London, July 8.—The Petrograd correspondent of The Times says, according to private advices all passenger traffic has been suspended on German railways and also he says he believes that large forces were leaving the eastern front for the western theatre with the view of an impending rush on Calais.

Paris, July 8.—A decree has been published prohibiting the export of gold except by the Bank of France as a precautionary measure. It has been found that exported gold has not been destined always for a neutral country in the settlement of accounts.

Rome, July 8.—Italian armored cruiser Amalfi was torpedoed and sunk yesterday by Austrian submarine while participating in a reconnaissance in the upper Adriatic. It was officially announced by the ministry of marine. Most of the members of the crew were saved.