

PRINCIPLES OF INTERNAT'L LAW COMPLIED WITH

THIS TO BE CONTENTION OF ALLIES IN REPLY TO U. S. PROTEST

ADJACENT NATIONS

Right to Ship Goods Into Germany Through Contiguous Countries Hardly Assumed.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, April 20.—The reply of Great Britain and France to the United States' protest against interference with neutral trade will contend that the principles of international law have been given legal interpretation and application by the allies in their blockade.

According to authentic information here, this position will be taken by the allies in a note to be handed to the state department within the next day or two by the British and French ambassadors. It is said the allies will assume that the United States does not contend that it has a right to ship goods without restriction into Germany and Austria through contiguous neutral countries such as Holland, Sweden and Denmark.

MEXICO TOLD THAT U. S. TO DECLARE WAR

Chihuahua Papers Publish Reports That America and Germany Will Have Rupture.

(By Associated Press.)

El Paso, April 20.—Chihuahua newspapers Monday published despatches supposedly from Juarez that President Wilson was about to deliver an ultimatum to Germany and war would be declared within a week. This information came today from Americans returning from Chihuahua with copies of the paper.

Arrivals said the news of German-American crisis was talked of in Chihuahua Sunday forty-eight hours before the facts were made public in the United States. An official agency in Mexico City, they said, is keeping the Mexicans informed on American affairs.

BIGGEST INSURANCE LOSS KNOWN IN S. C.

Nearly a Million Dollars Carried on Lewis Parker's Life Say Companies.

Greenville, April 20.—In the death of Mr. Lewis W. Parker, of Greenville, life insurance companies have sustained the biggest loss that has ever occurred in South Carolina, according to information received from one of the largest life insurance companies operating in South Carolina.

In 1912 it is stated, Mr. Parker insured for \$600,000, \$500,000 of which was made payable to the Parker Cotton mills, of which concern he was then president.

When he secured the \$600,000 Mr. Parker already had \$244,000 of insurance in force, making a total of \$844,000 on his life, distributed as follows: Aetna, \$5,000; American National, \$5,000; Equitable, \$250,000; Mutual \$5,000; Equitable \$250,000; Illinois life \$5,000; Mutual Benefit, \$100,000; Mutual Life of New York \$120,000; New York Life, \$112,000; New England Mutual, \$25,000; Penn Mutual, \$50,000; Security Mutual, \$25,000; Southeastern Life, \$30,000; State Mutual, \$25,000; Travelers, \$50,000; Union Central, \$25,000.

Of course the premiums on the corporation insurance carried by Mr. Parker were paid by the Parker Cotton mills. All of the insurance was in force at the time of his death; the \$100,000 in Mutual Benefit was personal insurance, which was also in force at the time of his death, and so far as known all the other insurance carried by Mr. Parker has been kept in effect. The policies, it is understood, are being settled at the present time.

FIGHT IS PENDING IN WEST

"GREAT FLOTILLA OF TRANSPORTS" LAND HORDES OF RUSSIANS IN FRANCE

THE GERMANS TO MASS BIG FORCE AROUND FORTRESS

Large Forces Are Withdrawn From Fronts in Russia, Serbia and Macedonia.

(By Associated Press.)

London, April 20.—What is described as "great flotilla of transports" has landed Russian troops at Marseilles to reinforce the western battle line. How many Russian Emperor Nicholas has sent to aid the French is not known. General Joffre, in an order of day, welcomed the Russians and they will be hurried to the front. Coincidental with the arrival of Russians comes the statement from Paris that the Germans are withdrawing large forces from their fronts in Russia, Serbia and Macedonia to mass them at Verdun. Here, near Dead Man's Hill, the French have driven the Germans out of portions of the trenches previously occupied by them. The Germans admit the entry of French in trenches west of Vaux.

Berlin says the Germans occupied six hundred meters of British position around Ypres. British officials concede a slight gain there.

South of Baku, Asiatic Turkey, the Russians are within ninety miles of Diarler, their objective in an operation which seems to cut off communication between the Turkish northern and southern armies.

Constantinople says British besieging at Nut-El-Amura have forced civilians to evacuate the town because of lack of food.

The usual bombardments are going on at the Austro-Italian front.

DYESTUFFS EMBARGO IS TO BE MODIFIED

Germany Agrees on Exportation of 15,000 Tons for Use Americans Only.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, April 20.—Some modification of the export of dyestuffs embargo, has been determined upon by the German government. A communication on the subject was delivered to the state department today. The fact that some action would be taken was made known after a visit to the state department of Ambassador Bernstorff.

Dyestuffs are sorely needed by American manufacturers. "Germany, according to the note delivered by Von Bernstorff, agrees to permit the exportation to the United States of fifteen thousand tons of dyestuffs, providing the dyestuffs shall be consumed by American manufacturers and not re-exported to Great Britain or her allies."

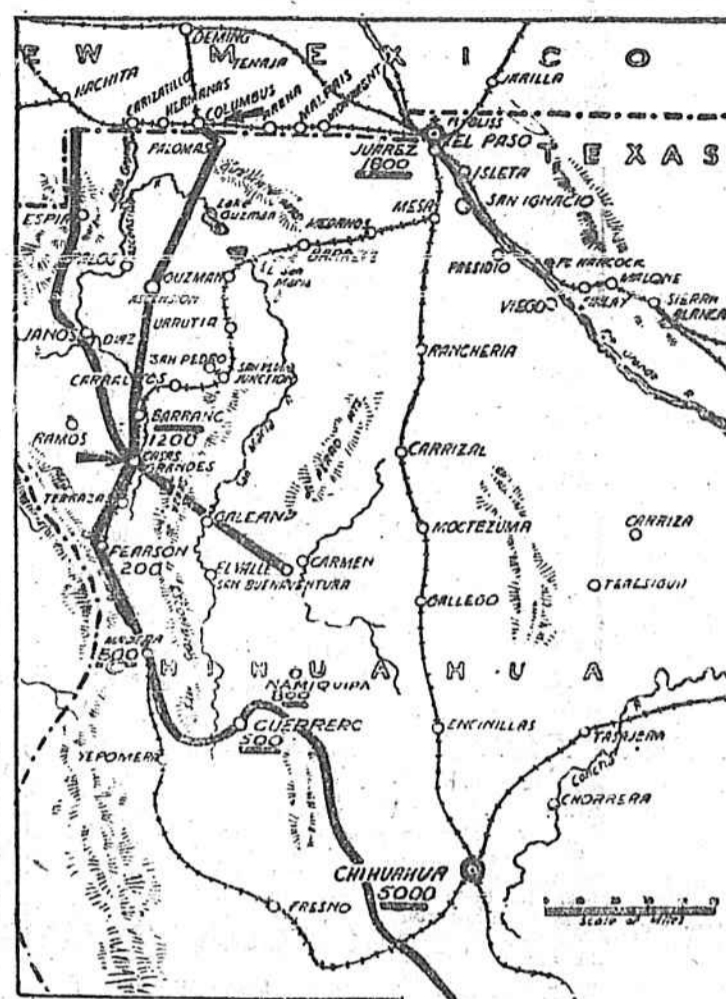
GIRL LEAPS FROM HIGH CLIFF AND IS CAUGHT BY TREE; HANGS 17 HOURS

(By Associated Press.)

Tokio, April 20.—Driven to attempt suicide by the failure of her father on the stock exchange, and consequent poverty, a young Japanese girl recently threw herself to the ocean from the top-most cliff of the sacred Isle of Enoshima. She was caught and plucked by the branches of a giant tree which leaned far out over the sea. It was not until seventeen hours later that her cries were heard by a fisherman passing in a sampan and she was rescued, seriously but not mortally hurt.

67,000 Vacant Beds. London, April 20.—There are at present 67,000 vacant beds in the British hospitals, owing to the lack of really important fighting during the winter on the west front.

American Line of Communications Menaced



General Pershing's force of 12,000 men in Mexico—since Carranza has not permitted use of the railroads for supplies—is now menaced on a line some 400 miles long, reaching from Columbus, N. M., to Parral, where Major Tompkins has clashed with a mob. This line over which automobile trucks have carried provisions for his soldiers, reaches from Columbus through Casas Grandes, Chihuahua, and Salvo. Whether or not supply autos are on their way to Parral to help Major Tompkins is not known.

DEATH OF SON IN GREAT WAR CAUSES GREENVILLE RECTOR TO QUIT CHURCH AND ENLIST

Greenville, April 20.—Moved by the death of his son, who fell while fighting under the British flag in Gallipoli, Rev. H. Buchanan Ryley, since last June rector of the St. James and St. Andrew's Episcopal churches of this city, has decided to enlist for service at the front, and has made all preparations to go to Quebec next week, where he will enlist in the Canadian expeditionary force for service in Europe.

Rev. Mr. Ryley was expecting to make the first public announcement of his plans at the services at these churches Sunday, but the report that he had decided to join the Canadian troops and go to Europe to fight under the British flag, leaked out in some way, and was confirmed by Mr. Ryley when questioned about it today.

Mr. Ryley is a native of England, but has been a resident of the United States for some fourteen or fifteen years past. Not long ago, he made the first application for naturalization as an American citizen, but of course, sufficient time has not yet elapsed to entitle him to full citizenship, and he is still a citizen of England. He is 40 years of age, and has had experience in military affairs which will be of much value to him.

Son Killed Recently. Rev. Mr. Ryley's son, Lieutenant Donald Ryley of the Shropshire regiment, died about three weeks ago as a result of wounds received while fighting around Gallipoli. His father has not received full details of the circumstances of his death, or the circumstances of his wound. Rev. Mr. Ryley's wife died some years ago, and he has now no one dependent upon him, and feels that some one of his name should take the place of his son, he has decided, after much deliberation, to leave his work here, and enlist for service in Europe.

Served in Territorial Army. Mr. Ryley was during his younger years in England a captain in the territorial army, an organization which corresponds somewhat to the National Guard organizations in this country. While a member of the territorial army he was at liberty to follow his studies and other vocations, much in the same manner that National Guard members do in this country. During his service with this organization, he attended drills and became proficient in many of the sciences of warfare. One of his reports show an excellent series of marks on various drills and military strategy.

Mr. Ryley was captain in the "Queen's Westminster Volunteers." While he goes to Quebec with the intention of serving wherever he is placed, he hopes that he may be able to rank as an officer corresponding to that which he held in the territorial army.

Mother Still Alive. Rev. Mr. Ryley was born in the southeastern part of England, and his mother, about 72 years of age is still living in England. He studied at St. Olives school at London, and at Oxford University, London University, and Trinity college at Dublin. He received the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and Master of Arts. He is especially interested in music, and has recently published a book containing a number of religious songs, the music for which was composed by him.

Ordained in Colorado. Rev. Mr. Ryley's first service as an Episcopal minister was in this country. He was ordained by Bishop Spaulding in Denver, Colorado, about 16 years ago, at Colorado Springs, where he remained about two years.

U. S. NOW HAS NEW PROBLEM

FRESH SEA DISASTER AT THIS TIME WOULD LIKELY CAUSE RUPTURE

BRYAN ARRIVES AT WASHINGTON TO URGE PEACE

War Would Be "Unspeakable" Says Ex-Secretary--Von Bernstorff Visits Lansing.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, April 20.—The possibility of another attack on a merchantman carrying Americans before Germany replies to the American note, was one chief source of concern here today. In case of such an event, it was admitted that an immediate rupture could be prevented only by proof that Germany had been unable to communicate with her submarine commanders.

Officials said today that while the abandonment of Germany's present illegal methods at once is essential to continuance of relations, the United States might agree to German submarine operating under strict restriction in cruiser warfare. Such warfare would make imperative the exercise of the right to visit and search, passengers and crews being accorded adequate safety.

The mere placing of passengers in small boats far from land and in dangerous seas does not meet with American requirements.

Von Bernstorff visited Secretary Lansing today with a suggestion regarding the reply of his government, but Lansing seemed not to regard his views as official since President Wilson laid down the condition that there must be an abandonment of present methods. Secretary Lansing said there must be a direct and formal response from the German government itself before further negotiations are begun.

William Jennings Bryan, who said he broke speaking dates at New Orleans to hurry to the capital, arrived here today "to be some assistance in preserving of peace." "War," he said, "would be unspeakable."

MANUFACTURERS ARE YET CRYING "FASHION"

Narrow Skirts Cut Business, But the "Balloons" Overlap the Supply.

Paris, April 20.—For years the cloth manufacturers of France have been crying ruin owing to the vogue of the narrow and split skirt. Now that women have jumped to the opposite extreme and wear dresses that measure several yards around, the same manufacturers declare that things have gone from bad to worse.

In ordinary times, the cloth manufacturers would be rubbing their hands with glee at the change of fashion; as it is they greet it with ill-concealed apprehension.

"Our best mills are in the hands of the enemy," explained M. Alfred Dames, secretary of one of the big Traders' Committees, "and those that are left to us are so hard at work on army orders that they have little time to devote to their ordinary trade. This simply means that if women will insist in walking about in skirts as big as balloons, French factories will be unable to keep pace with the demand."

A meeting is to be held to see whether the "union sarrec," which has been applied to most things since the war began, can be extended in some way to controlling fashions.

Tom Pence's Successor



W. R. Hollister, of Jefferson City, Mo., clerk to the senate committee on Foreign Relations, of which Senator Stone is chairman has been acting secretary of the Democratic National committee since the death of Thomas J. Peace. He was appointed assistant by Mr. Pence and handled the office under Mr. Pence's direction for several weeks. Mr. Hollister has conducted two campaigns for Senator Stone, was with the Clerk pro-convention forces in 1912 and after the convention helped to elect President Wilson. It is believed likely that his present position will be made permanent at the democratic convention in June. Mr. Hollister is unmarried.

SIX BANDITS ARE TO HANG

Villa Followers Convicted of Miller's Murder in Columbus Raid.

(By Associated Press.)

El Paso, April 20.—The six Villa bandits placed on trial at Deming, Texas, yesterday, charged with the killing of Charles D. Miller in the Columbus raid; were convicted of first degree murder today, according to word received here. Jury was out thirty minutes.

ONE KILLED IN TORNADO

Cyclone Sweeps Across Country Near Mobile in 100-Foot Path.

(By Associated Press.)

Mobile, April 20.—Mrs. Lillis Cochran was killed and another woman injured when their house was blown down in a tornado twelve miles west of here this afternoon. The tornado, traveling northeastward, passed through a path not more than a hundred feet wide.

BIG TOBACCO KING PASSES

Fulton W. Clare Dies at Lexington at the Age of 46.

(By Associated Press.)

Lexington, Ky., April 20.—Fulton W. Clare, forty-six, president of the Lexington Tobacco company, board of trade and one of the best known tobacco men in the south died here of heart disease today. He had managed tobacco plants at Rocky Mount and Danville, Va., and Durham and Greenville, North Carolina, and Florence, S. C.

Guard Wireless Stations. Washington, April 20.—The war department has dispatched marines to guard the German owned wireless stations at Tuckerston, N. J., and Sayville, Long Island.

Secretary Daniels said the marines would not seize the wireless. "They will just watch," he said, "and this may be an excess of caution."

Millits Wound Them. Hastings, N. Y., April 20.—The militia charged the strikers of the National Cable Conduit company today and wounded three.

LAND MORTGAGE BANKS IS PLAN OF HOUSE BILL

COMMITTEE PERFECTS MEASURE CREATING 12 REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS

TO COME UP SOON

Proposed Banks Would Make Loans Through National Farm Loan Associations.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, April 20.—A bill to establish twelve regional land mortgage banks as a part of the administration's rural credit legislation program was perfected today by the house banking committee. It will be urged for passage next week.

Proposed banks would make loans through National farm loan associations. Stock would be taken by the federal treasury, but under an amendment approved today no payment would be on such stock until the bank in question received applications for loans from at least ten loan associations. The loan associations may take stock in the banks, but at least twenty per cent of the capital stock of any land bank in by the loan associations must consist of cash or securities approved by a federal farm loan bank.

SITUATION AT A STANDSTILL AS TO MEXICO

Negotiations With Carranza and Pursuit of Villa Quiet Pending Scott's Probe.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, April 20.—Diplomatic negotiations with Carranza as well as the pursuit of Villa are apparently at a standstill while President Wilson awaits General Scott's report on the situation.

Scott arrives at San Antonio tomorrow night and his report will begin coming forward at once. Additional reports from General Pershing outlined in border advices today will probably be ready for consideration at the cabinet meeting tomorrow.

The Mexican situation will probably be given full attention. The cabinet meeting at the last session considered only the German crisis.

74 PERCENT OF YOUTHS IN HOLLAND'S PEOPLES SCHOOLS USE TOBACCO

(By Associated Press.)

London, Netherlands, April 20.—Holland is the paradise of the boy smoker. The extent of the clear-smoking habit among Dutch lads is shown by an inquiry just made in the schools of this famous old university city.

Of 2,380 boys attending the better class schools it was found that 64 per cent smoked—22 per cent regularly and 42 per cent more spasmodically. In the "People's" schools the percentage was still higher. Seventy-four per cent of the lads indulged in tobacco, 30 per cent being regular smokers. Coming finally to the schools where education is free, all but a fifth of the youngsters were tobacco devotees, and half their number were regular smokers. In three schools all the boys in the highest class smoked. On the average, 92 per cent of the highest classes in the "people's" schools were smokers.

MORE THAN 50 PERCENT OF U. S. MARINE CORPS ARE SKILLED RIFLEMEN

Washington, D. C., April 20.—More than fifty percent of the members of the United States Marine Corps are skilled riflemen, according to a table just compiled. In the little corps of 9,521 men, there are 935 expert riflemen, 2,438 sharpshooters and 1,823 marksmen. The marine corps has excellent facilities for small arms target practice and every effort is made to qualify the new recruit soon after his entry into the service as a "dead-end" soldier.