

**UNITED STATES SENDS  
LAST NOTE TO GERMANY**

**Longest Message Yet Delivered—Will Regard Further Violations as Being "Deliberately Unfriendly."**

Following is the official text of the last American note to Germany re-

garding submarine warfare, which was delivered to the Foreign Office at Berlin Friday by Ambassador Gerard.

The Secretary of State to Ambassador Gerard.

Department of State, Washington, July 21, 1915.

You are instructed to deliver textually, the following note to the Minister for Foreign Affairs:

The note of the Imperial German Government dated the eighth of July,

1915, has received the careful consideration of the Government of the United States and it regrets to be obliged to say that it has found it very unsatisfactory, because it fails to meet the real differences between the two Governments and indicates no way in which the accepted principles of law and humanity may be applied in the grave matter in controversy, but proposes on the contrary, arrangements for a partial suspension of those principles which virtually set them aside.

The Government of the United States notes with satisfaction that the Imperial German Government recognizes without reservation the validity of the principle insisted on in the several communications which this Government has addressed to the Imperial German Government with regard to its announcement of a war zone and the use of submarines against merchantmen on the high seas—the principle that the seas are free, that the character and cargo of a merchantman must first be ascertained before she can lawfully be seized or destroyed, and that the lives of non-combatants may in no case be put in jeopardy unless the vessel resists or seeks to escape after being summoned to submit to examination, for a belligerent act of retaliation is per se an act beyond the law and the defense of an act as retaliatory is an admission that it is illegal.

The Government of the United States is, however, keenly disappointed to find that the Imperial German Government regards itself as in large degree exempt from the obligation to observe these principles, even where neutral vessels are concerned, by what it believes the policy and practice of the Government of Great Britain to be in the present war with regard to neutral commerce. The Imperial German Government will readily understand that the Government of the United States cannot discuss the policy of the Government of Great Britain with regard to neutral trade except with that Government itself, and that it must regard the conduct of other belligerent Governments as irrelevant to any discussion with the Imperial German Government of what this Government regards as grave and unjustifiable violations of the rights of American citizens by German naval commanders. Illegal and inhuman acts, however, justifiable they may be thought to be, against any enemy who is believed to have acted in contravention of law and humanity, are manifestly indefensible when they deprive neutrals of their acknowledged rights, particularly when they violate the right to life itself. If a belligerent cannot retaliate against an enemy without injuring the lives of neutrals, as well as their property, humanity, as well as justice and a due regard for the dignity of neutral Powers, should dictate that the practice should be discontinued. If persisted in it would in such

circumstances constitute an unpardonable offense against the neutral Nation affected. The Government of the United States is not unmindful of the extraordinary conditions created by this war, of the world cannot have had in view when the existing rules of international law were formulated, and it is ready to make every reasonable allowance for these novel and unexpected aspects of war at sea; but it cannot consent to abate any essential or fundamental right of its people because of a mere alteration of circumstances. The rights of neutrals in time of war are based upon principle, not upon expediency, and the principles are immutable. It is the duty and obligation of belligerents to find a way to adapt the new circumstances to them.

The events of the past two months have clearly indicated that it is possible and practicable to conduct such submarine operations as have characterized the activity of the Imperial German Navy within the so-called war zone in substantial accord with the accepted practices of regulated warfare. The whole world has looked with interest and increasing satisfaction at the demonstration of that possibility by German naval commanders. It is manifestly possible, therefore, to lift the whole practice of submarine attack above the criticism which it has aroused and remove the chief cause of offense.

In view of the admission of illegality made by the Imperial Government when it pleaded the right of retaliation in defense of its acts, and in view of the manifest possibility of conforming to the established rules of naval warfare, the Government of the United States cannot believe that the Imperial German Government will longer refrain from disavowing the wanton act of its naval commander in sinking the Lusitania or from offering reparation for the American lives lost, so far as reparation can be made for a needless destruction of human life by an illegal act.

The Government of the United States while not indifferent to the friendly spirit in which it is made, cannot accept the suggestion of the Imperial German Government that certain vessels be designated and agreed upon which shall be free on the seas now illegally prescribed. The very agreement would, by implication, subject other vessels to illegal attack and would be a curtailment and, therefore, an abandonment of the principles for which this Government contends, and which in times of calmer counsels every Nation would concede as of course.

The Government of the United States and the Imperial German Government are contending for the same great object, have long stood together in urging the very principles upon which the Government of the United States now solemnly insists. They are both contending for the freedom of the seas. The Government of the United States will continue to contend for that freedom from whatever quarter violated, without compromise and at any cost. It invites the practical cooperation of the Imperial German Government at this time when cooperation may accomplish most and this great object be most strikingly and effectively achieved.

The Imperial German Government expresses the hope that this object may be in some measure accomplished even before the present war ends. It can be. The Government of the United States feels obliged to insist upon it, by whomsoever violated or ignored, in the protection of its own citizens, but it is also deeply interested in seeing it made practicable between the belligerents themselves, and holds itself ready at any time to act as the common friend who may be privileged to suggest a way.

In the meantime the very value which this Government sets upon the long and unbroken friendship between the people and Government of the United States and the people and Government of the German Nation impels it to press very solemnly upon the Imperial German Government the necessity for a scrupulous observance of neutral rights in this critical matter. Friendship itself prompts it to say to the Imperial German Government that repetition by the commanders of German naval vessels of acts in contravention of those rights must be regarded by the Government of the United States when they affect American citizens, as deliberately unfriendly. Lansing.

**TOLD FROM THE PULPIT.**

**Dr. Len G. Broughton Says He Quarreled With the Ex-Secretary.**

Rev. Dr. Len G. Broughton announced in the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church yesterday that his sermon next Sunday afternoon would deal with the war situation in England. This announcement revealed the story that Dr. Broughton and other clergymen in this country have broken a long friendship with William Jennings Bryan.

The sermon Dr. Broughton intends to preach next Sunday—"The Sword of Goliath Moving Into the Hands of David"—is one to which Mr. Bryan is believed to have taken exception a few weeks ago. At any rate, the former secretary of state and Dr. Broughton quarreled over the war situation in the dining room of a hotel in Asheville.

"When I was in Asheville," said Dr. Broughton at the Hotel Gotham last night, "I met Mr. Bryan in a hotel there and he began a conversation with me about the war and chiefly about the situation in England. A lecture I had delivered the night before, or perhaps the sermon I had preached the Sunday before, may have had something to do with Mr. Bryan's broaching the subject and his manner of discussing it with me.

"He said this country had to put an end to the war situation. I told him that this country had to do no such thing, that I had been in England six months during the early stages of the war and that I knew the situation there.

"You can take it from me, I told him, that those Allies will never in the world let up until the last man of them is dead or until the war party in Europe is disarmed or brought to its knees.

"We had words. He flew into a rage and said I belonged to the blood thirsty war party and that I had turned my back on the Bible and Christianity. I told him I had been too long in the business to be talked to by him in that manner.

Dr. Broughton said he would not say that other clergymen in this country were turning against Bryan, as he could only speak of his own case and his own conversation with him—a conversation which took place shortly before Mr. Bryan resigned as secretary of state. It was whispered by other churchmen yesterday, however, that Bryan no longer possesses the friendship of many preachers with whom he used to be intimate.

Dr. J. H. Jowett, pastor of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, is now in England. Dr. Broughton, who is now of Knoxville, was formerly of Atlanta and still later of London, where he was pastor of Christ Church, Westminster Bridge road.

"I was in the very heart of the English strife and shock for six months and I know some inside facts," said Dr. Broughton. "Some of the leaders in the British Government were members of my church. From them I learned something of the strain of those months, in some respects worse than the strain of today, when the worst is beginning to be realized.

"I knew to a certainty that Italy would enter the war and when it would do so, I know that England has had something to do with money affairs in Rumania and you can put it down that at a given time Rumania will come in.

"This war will not end until democracy is taken care of. If it were to do so in England and France the United States would have to come to the rescue of democracy.

"I look to see great questions settled by this war. They include an end to the Prussian imperialism and to all unchristian culture, such as the Germans have put forth. This spirit must end, and Americans do grave wrong when they follow Bryan, if they do, in counselling weak kneed peace.

"The German position is well illustrated by its persistence in firing on the Orduña without warning. It is the fault of the Kaiser's that more Americans are not dead. That is the German spirit. It must be crushed.—From the New York Sun, 19th.

**Warden Not To Blame.**

Atlanta, Ga., July 20.—After investigating the attack upon Leo M. Frank at the state prison farm, the Georgia prison commission today gave out a statement exonerating Warden James H. Smith. The commission, however, today notified prison officials all over the state to exercise greater care in trying to prevent prisoners from obtaining dangerous weapons. There has been no decision as to what disposition will be made of William Green, who slashed Frank's throat.

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"The train struck the man, did it not?" asked the lawyer of the engineer at the trial.

"It did, sir," said the engineer, according to the Ladies Home Journal.

"Was the man on the track, sir?" thundered the lawyer.

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**American Steamer Sunk.**  
Washington, July 20.—The American owned steamship, Leelanaw, was torpedoed and sunk off Kirkwall, Scotland, shortly after daylight today. Kirkwall dispatches said the crew, a considerable number of whom were Americans, and Capt. Deik, were landed in their own boats.

**Berlin Surprised at Note.**  
Carl W. Ackerman, United Press correspondent, wiring to papers in this country from Berlin says:  
"The German people are practically unanimous in their approval of editorial utterances in the press condemning the latest American note. I have learned this through extensive conversations representative of men in all walks of life since the note was published yesterday morning.

"The feeling among the German people is one of surprise. They will not sanction an abridgement of the submarine policy however much they desire the friendship of America.

"Officials believe that negotiations are not ended despite the finality of the note.

"Berlin newspapers continued today to devote much space to the American note. 'There is no reason why we should try to discover perfume between the thorns to console ourselves in the American note,' said the Berliner Tagesblatt.

Lon Dean, a sheep herder at Idaho Falls, Idaho, who attempted to collect \$8,000 in gold from the father of E. A. Empey, has been captured and placed under arrest by cowboys. Young Empey escaped from Dean and returned to his father.