

GERMANY'S ANSWER EAGERLY AWAITED BY ENTIRE WORLD

NOTE CONTINUES ALMOST SOLE TOPIC OF DISCUSSION IN OFFICIAL WASHINGTON

TERMS OF NOTE ARE ENDORSED ON EVERY SIDE

German Embassy Not Yet Informed of Germany's Position - Expected Reply Will Be Made Promptly.

Washington, May 14.—Official Washington discussed little else than the note today. Editorial comment of the American press gave it practically unanimous approval.

Governor's statements and those of senators and representatives endorsing the note were reinforced by an incessant stream of messages from representatives of every political party and many organizations and associations.

The president said he is deeply grateful and appreciates the patriotic support from every side. The president is apparently relieved of last week's strain.

He left tonight on the Mayflower with his family for New York, where he will review the Atlantic fleet.

The note is widely discussed among diplomats. Representatives of the allies, also neutral envoys approved the note.

The German embassy remained silent and gave no intimation regarding Germany's probable position. The German ambassador visited Bryan and warned him that stories purporting to give anonymous views of the embassy staff that Germany would refuse to meet the United States' suggestions were not true.

He asked the state department's cooperation to prevent the misinformation from being spread. Secretary Bryan formally announced the request.

The German ambassador later declared he knew nothing of Germany's position, and would not give his own views.

It is believed that Germany won't delay her reply. Diplomats think Germany will consider the advantages of continued attacks on enemy merchantmen and consent to abandon them only if Germany's food supply is guaranteed in some way.

Washington, May 14.—The government and the people of the United States today turned expectantly toward Berlin, where Ambassador Gerard has been instructed to present to the German foreign office the note calling attention of the imperial government to the "unlawful and inhuman" destruction of the Lusitania and other violations of American rights on high seas.

Germany is asked in the note to disavow the acts of submarine commanders in torpedoing the Lusitania, a British ship, with loss of more than 100 American lives and the American steamship Gulfight "as a result of two or more Americans met death."

Reparations "so far as reparation is possible" is asked and the United States declares it "confidently expects that the imperial government will take immediate steps to prevent a recurrence of such acts and practices. No time is specified for a reply, but the communication says the government and the people of the United States look to the imperial government for just, prompt and enlightened action in this vital matter."

The course to be pursued by the United States in the event Germany refuses to comply with its requests, and expectations is not stated, but high officials pointed out today that the conclusion of the note was in-

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London, May 14.—Police everywhere have been busy today gathering subjects of hostile countries of military age and sending them to concentration camps. Herd raids surrendered voluntarily. The question of finding room is the most difficult problem.

McADOO WRITES DELEGATES TO FINANCIAL CONGRESS. Washington, May 14.—Secretary McAdoo has written the delegates to the Pan-American financial conference meeting here May 24, outlining the general purposes of the meeting.

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CHAMP CLARK'S VIEWS ON NOTE

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Situation Extremely Ticklish But Peace With Honor Will be Preserved.

Bowling Green, Mo., May 14.—Champ Clark today said the American note on the Lusitania tragedy will attract world-wide attention because of its clear, dignified statement of the case. He predicts it will rank as a great state paper.

He declared the situation is undoubtedly extremely ticklish and said that while many people consider diplomacy worth little, the fact remains that diplomacy has prevented several quarrels and entanglements which apparently presaged the United States' entry into war. He believes the president will preserve peace with honor. He says the note's last sentence will be most generously applauded. One thing is certain, the American people will sustain the president now, doubting neither his ability or patriotism.

Loan for Bolivia. New York, May 14.—The National City bank announced yesterday it had negotiated a \$1,000,000 loan to the Bolivia government. Half is payable in one year and the remainder in two.

STATE BANKS MAY ENTER RESERVE SYSTEM

Federal Reserve Board Has About Decided to Allow Their Entrance.

Washington, May 14.—After consideration lasting several months the federal reserve board virtually has decided to allow state banks to enter the federal reserve system with the right to withdraw and surrender membership if they so desire.

This is believed to assure the entrance of hundreds of strong state institutions into the system. Early in consideration of the problem it was made clear by state bankers that their principal objections to entering was that apparently when once in they must surrender their charters or liquidate to get out.

State bankers expressed the view that they were not compelled by the reserve act to enter the reserve system as were national banks and that therefore the door should be left open for their departure.

TWENTY-EIGHT BODIES ARRIVE AT QUEENSTOWN. Queenstown, May 14.—The bodies of twenty-eight Lusitania victims reached here tonight. A British torpedo boat brought twelve bodies which were picked up southeast of Festnet. Among those identified was the body of A. L. Hopkins, of Newport News. The tug Shamrock brought sixteen bodies.

UNITED STATES AWARDS CONTRACT FOR DIRIGIBLE FOR AERONAUTIC SERVICE

Washington, May 14.—Secretary Daniels today authorized the construction of the navy's first dirigible, the contract being awarded to the Connecticut Aircraft Company of New Haven, their bid being \$45,638. It is to be delivered in four months and goes to the aeronautic station at Pensacola, Florida. It carries four observers and a crew of four and has a speed of twenty five miles an hour. The cruiser North Carolina will be used at Pensacola as an aviation ship. With her arrival and that of dirigible at Pensacola, the training of officers

and men as aviators will begin on a bigger scale than ever. Two new hydro-aeroplanes were delivered recently, three more are expected soon and three more will be built this summer. The contract will be let soon for the dirigibles floating shed.

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NOTE NOT YET DELIVERED TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Washington, May 14.—Secretary Bryan announced tonight that the United States note to Germany probably won't be presented to the German foreign office by United States Ambassador Gerard until tomorrow. It was delayed in transmission and was not telegraphed from Rome until this afternoon.

Admiral Fletcher, commander of the fleet.

of 27,000 tons displacement. Each carries ten 14-inch guns for her main battery, and twenty-one 5-inch rifles for protection against torpedo attack.

As an illustration of their rate of fire it is a matter of record that one of these pieces had three shells in air at the same time, one missile having whizzed through the target and still in flight, another cutting through the canvas screen just as the third shell was leaving the gun.

What the 14-inch gun can do was recently demonstrated by William Ruf. One of the gun pointers on the Texas, who in the practice held off the Virginia Capes, broke the world's record, making six straight hits at a moving target being towed fourteen miles distant. Previously the Arkansas, sister ship to the Wyoming, had made six hits out of six shots from a 12-inch rifle in the incredibly short time of fifty-seven seconds.

No battleship in the German navy equals either of these great super-dreadnoughts of the American navy. They are only part of the fleet of sixteen battleships in the Hudson River. But the American navy has more, for there are the Pennsylvania, just launched, the Arizona about to be launched, and the California, in course of construction. The Texas and the New York are

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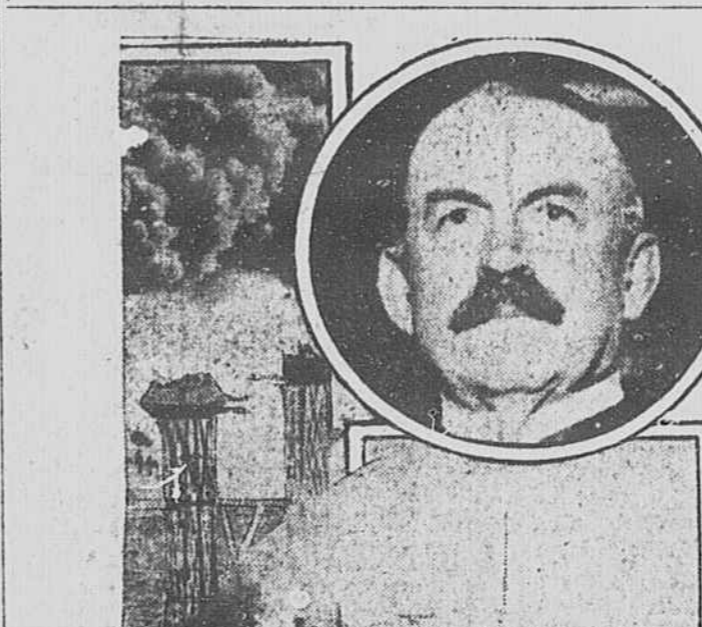
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SMITH PROTESTING ENGLAND'S ACTIONS

British Buy Cargoes Seized But Owners Not Receiving Money.

Washington, May 14.—Senator Hoke Smith visited the state department again today and inquired into the situation relating to the British seizure of American cotton cargoes. He said England is purchasing the cargoes, but he hasn't heard of the American owners receiving the money.

BUREAU COMPARES COTTON STATISTICS

Figures Show Less Staple Used Than in Same Period Last Year.

Washington, May 14.—Cotton used during April, 513,610 bales, exclusive of linters, compared with 499,846 April last year, the census bureau announced today. During nine months ending April 30 cotton used 4,091,285 bales against 4,264,856 in same period in previous year.

AMERICANS KILLED BY MEXICAN INDIANS

U. S. Warships and Mexican Soldiers Hurried to Rescue of Colony.

Nogales, Sonora, May 14.—With 500 Mexican soldiers and a band of armed Americans reported trying to rescue them a colony of 65 Americans including women and children are striving to fight off the Yaqui Indians from their homes near Esperanza. Several Americans are reported killed.

WARSHIP TO RESCUE

Los Angeles, May 14.—The navy department, according to message received here today has instructed Admiral Howard to send a warship to Tobari Bay, Mexico to rescue the American colony of Esperanza.

INMAN ESTATE WORTH \$768,000

Inheritance Tax of Six Thousand Dollars Assessed Against Estate.

Atlanta, May 14.—The estate of Samuel M. Inman of Atlanta, who died several months ago, was appraised by county officials today at seven hundred and sixty-eight thousand dollars. An inheritance tax of nearly six thousand dollars was assessed against the estate.

GREENWOOD COMPLETING PLANS FOR ENTERTAINING FIREMEN'S TOURNAMENT

Greenwood, May 14.—The local firemen will round the last curve this afternoon preparatory to the State Firemen's tournament, which will be held in Greenwood next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The final practice rave will be made today and then all plans for entertaining the visiting firemen will be completed. Headquarters as the big sign indicates, have already been opened at the city hall which has been made spic and span with a new coat of paint on the interior.

Several fire teams will arrive on the 4:19 train Saturday afternoon and the remainder will come Sunday and Monday. All of the visiting firemen will have arrived by Monday night. The following teams are expected tomorrow: Columbia, Sumner, Bennettsville, Bishopville and Marlboro. The horses will be given stalls free of charge in the large stable on Maxwell avenue.

The three grandstands on Maxwell avenue have been completed. One of these, near the end of the track is for colored people who will be charged an admission of 35 cents. The three grandstands will hold approximately 3,000. With a little more work the track will be in the condition

ALLIES ARE MAKING GAINS IN FLANDERS; SLAVS FORCED BACK

WORLD COURT CONGRESS ENDS

SUPPORTERS EXPRESS CONFIDENCE IN SUCCESS OF MOVEMENT

FUTURE PLANS ARE OUTLINED

Will First Seek Favor of Public Opinion Here and Abroad Through Press.

Cleveland, May 14.—The World Court Congress ended here tonight. The time and place of the meeting next year will be announced later. The present organization will be permanent. Delegates expressed the belief that the latest movement toward world peace through an international court of justice will be ultimately successful.

Professor Jeremiah W. Jenks said the future plans of the congress include the winning over of public opinion here and abroad through the press holding conventions and conferences and the formation of a committee to secure action pledging the United States to the plan for a world court of justice and the outlining of a formal plan for the world's court by a commission from the court congress.

A resolution was adopted at tonight's session continuing the committee of one hundred which launched the present congress, with power to act in all future matters. The resolution said it was the desire of the court congress that persistent efforts be made to realize the project of a world court and declared existing instructions for war prevention need strengthening and enlarging.

STATE BAPTISTS ARE TO RAISE \$93,000

Mission Assessment Fixed by Southern Convention Yesterday.

Houston, Texas, May 14.—The Southern Baptist convention here today adopted the report of the committee on apportionment of funds for missions, which provides \$441,750 home missions; \$624,000 foreign missions. It asks following sums from the states named:

For Home Missions: Georgia \$51,000. South Carolina, \$38,000. Mississippi \$25,000. For Foreign Missions: Georgia \$75,000. South Carolina \$55,000. Mississippi \$35,000.

ITALIAN SITUATION CLEARED BY PREMIER'S CONSENT TO RETAIN OFFICE

ALLIES ADVANCE IN DARDANELLES

Report Says Advance There is Progressing Despite Desperate Resistance.

Rome, May 14.—News that the king would accept Premier Salandra's resignation and that Salandra and Foreign Minister Sonnino will remain in power, spread throughout the city tonight and created an excellent impression. Salandra convoked a council of ministers. They are meeting to decide relative to the present crisis.

London, May 14.—The features of today's war were the United States' note to Germany and the changed Italian situation through the resignation of Premier Salandra and his cabinet. The United States' firm attitude is generally approved here. The question is what will Germany answer.

High official circles believe Germany won't agree to reverse her submarine blockade policy and that the United States will be compelled to serve diplomatic relations. It is hoped the United States won't enter the war.

The Italian situation is muddled. The cabinet and premier's resignation will probably bring down the government to retain the office.

A momentous battle is raging in the east and west. The French are reported to be continuing a vigorous advance. The Germans claim a slight advance. The Belgians have repulsed a German attack on the Yser. The British repulsed the German attempt to reach the Ypres. The Russians are reported forced back in the Carpathians. Petrograd says they are preparing for a new battle.

There is nothing official from the Dardanelles, but the allies are unofficially reported to be slowly advancing despite desperate resistance.

London, May 14.—The great battle between the allies and Germans on Western battle front of Europe is characterized in advance reports here as one of unbelievable fury. The allies claim their forces are holding firmly and the French official communication from Paris today declares their forces in addition occupied several trenches southwest of Soches. The report adds that rain has been falling since yesterday morning.

Russian official report from Petrograd says the battle in Western Galicia being waged against their forces by the Austro-German armies are becoming less intense, but Berlin and Vienna continue to claim their forces are sweeping eastward.

Advices from Dardanelles say French and British forces are continuing to gain in land fighting, although a decisive phase has not been reached.