

BREAK OF BRYAN CAUSE OF DELAY

President Says It Took Months to Convince Germany United States Was in Earnest.

STATUS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS

WASHINGTON, March 3.—President Wilson's position on the international situation as revealed further today was that he had told congressional leaders it was months after the resignation of former Secretary Bryan before the United States government could convince Germany that this nation was in earnest in its position on submarine warfare.

The president is understood to have mentioned this fact to show his belief that action by congress would further weaken the position of the United States abroad. He is understood to have told the leaders that charges that he wanted to start the United States into war were entirely disproved by his attitude during the last two years. He endured jeers and ridicule, he said, because of his efforts to maintain peace. He is understood to have declared that he has always been willing to do anything except sacrifice honor in order to maintain the United States at peace.

At the same time the president declared he did not see how the United States could do anything but sever diplomatic relations with any nation which killed Americans in violation of international law.

Lansing and Bernstorff.

While both Secretary Lansing and Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, have flatly declined to comment upon the statements regarding the possibility of war attributed to President Wilson by Senator Gore and later denied by the White House, it was learned today that mention of the result of a break of diplomatic relations had been discussed quite casually and informally by the secretary and the ambassador late in January of this year.

According to authoritative information the discussion came at a time when Secretary Lansing informed the ambassador exactly what kind of a communication from Germany would settle the Lusitania case in a manner satisfactory to the United States.

The ambassador is said to have informed Mr. Lansing that he believed his government might change some of the expressions used in the document which the secretary had indicated would be acceptable. They agreed that the ambassador should submit the document to his government in the event of a complete disagreement on the subject, the United States might be obliged to break off diplomatic relations. The ambassador is reliably represented as having replied that he fully understood the view of the secretary and to have added the hope that nothing of the kind ever would occur.

The ambassador pointed out that with diplomatic relations severed there would be no agency by which the enthusiasm of naval commanders could be held in check and that some circumstance was almost certain to occur to lead to hostilities. The ambassador also is represented as having pointed out that the modifications in the conduct of submarine warfare, made since the beginning of the war, had been solely on account of regard for the wishes of the United States.

The authority from whom this information was obtained said it should be understood that the ambassador was only expressing his own personal opinion and that the conversation with Secretary Lansing was absolutely informal and not to be regarded as significant of anything.

SENATE TABLES GORE RESOLUTION BY DECISIVE VOTE

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substitute and had introduced it merely to get an expression of the senate on that issue.

The text of the Senator Gore's addition to his original resolution and which was tabled with the warning resolution was as follows:

"Resolved, By the senate, the house of representatives concurring, that the sinking by German submarines without notice or warning of an armed merchant vessel of her public enemy, resulting in the death of a citizen of the United States, would constitute a just and sufficient cause of war between the United States and the German empire."

Several senators explained that the double form of the question was responsible for the character of the vote, as few senators wanted to vote on the question regarding a cause for war.

Immediately after the vote in the senate Senator Reed, democrat, read a statement saying he felt it was highly important that the impression in Germany that the country and congress was not behind the president should be removed and that, therefore, he was opposed to the Gore resolution.

While the senate was voting house leaders were working. There was no doubt that the administration victory in the senate was expected to solidify the sentiment in the house and the leaders looked for some favorable developments during the day.

President Wilson, after he had conferred with Acting Chairman Poy of the rules committee, determined to have a vote in the house, even if a special rule containing a resolution were required to get it.

Insistence that a vote be taken by the rules committee action, if necessary, came after varying reports as to the stand of the foreign and congress was not behind the president should be removed and that, therefore, he was opposed to the Gore resolution.

Mr. Poy told the members of the rules committee that he regarded the present situation above partisan politics and for that reason there would be secret sessions of the democratic members to arrive at some plan of action. He wants a nonpartisan vote.

In connection with his statement in the senate Senator Reed assailed the sena-

tional discussion in the senate yesterday. "I believe the effect of those utterances yesterday are to assert that in this nation are those considering the interests of Germany rather than of the United States," he said. "There has been much talk of traitors. I believe it would be difficult to find in the whole United States 1,000 men who would not assert the highest degree of loyalty to the country."

"Decides Nothing," Says Jones. Senator Jones, republican, declared the tabling of the resolutions had further fogged rather than clarified any issue.

"Nothing has been decided today, except that the senate of the United States can be argued absolutely," he said. "We have not passed on the issue. We have only done like the ostrich, and in the face of danger have covered our heads in the sand. I voted against the resolution on general principles. A motion to table is always made either to cut off debate or to avoid an issue."

"Have we complied with the request of the president? What did he say to Representative Poy? That he felt justified in asking permission to urge an early vote on the resolution in order to give an opportunity for full public discussion, and this is the full public discussion we have."

"Perhaps the senator from Washington is not in touch with the subterranean passageway to the White House," suggested Senator Borah. "It is easy to introduce another resolution," continued Senator Jones. "The senate has not settled the issue yet. The president is not advised on the sentiment of the senate on his proposition and the people of this country and the nations abroad know it."

Sherman Calls It Cowardice. "We are approaching the issue of peace or war," declared Senator Sherman, republican, who voted against tabling the resolutions. "Ultimately the way the chief executive is traveling leads but to one close. It will end in war or national abandonment and humiliation. There is no escape from the end of the way he is traveling. The action of this senate today may be parliamentary, but it smacks so strongly of cowardice, evasion and shirking of responsibility that I am justified in applying to it these critical words."

Decks Cleared by Agreement. When the senate assembled promptly at 11 o'clock practically all the administration senators were in their seats waiting for the usual routine of morning business to be passed over so Senator Stone could make the agreed motion to table the Gore resolution.

To hurry the procedure it was agreed to dispense with reading the journal, and the usual gist of memorials and petitions was presented. The floor, crowded with senators and representatives, and the galleries packed by a throng which included the president's wife, fairly hummed with expectation.

Senator Gore, author of the resolution which the administration forces were ready to kill and who yesterday made the sensational declaration that he had heard President Wilson expected war with Germany was led to his seat by his secretary, the center of all eyes in the chamber. The administration leaders confident and prepared, sat back awaiting the proper moment.

Gore Resolution Called Up. Morning business was finally closed and Senator Stone asked that the Gore resolution be laid before the senate. Senator McCumber, republican of North Dakota, offered a substitute to express the sense of the senate that the rules of international law should be revised to meet new conditions of war and that pending negotiations with foreign powers Americans be requested to refrain from endangering their lives by traveling on armed vessels.

When the McCumber substitute had been read, Senator Stone again called for the Gore resolution, and it was laid before the senate. Thereupon Senator James moved that the resolution and all substitutes be laid on the table. Senator Gore was on his feet, asking recognition.

Gore Moves Correction. Senator Gore then offered a correction on his resolution to make it declare the sense of the senate that the death of an American citizen on an unarmed merchant ship would be a just cause for war.

After a brief parliamentary brush he was permitted to submit the correction of his resolution, but when he sought to discuss it he was shut off on objection.

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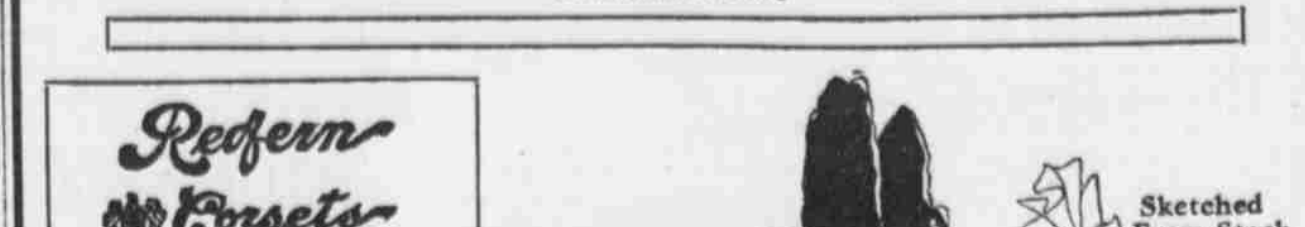
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