

BLOCKADE IS NOT ACCEPTED BY U. S.

Bryan Issues Statement America Has Not Recognized Order as Implied by British Note.

MISTAKE SAYS SPRING-RICE

WASHINGTON, May 21.—President Wilson and his cabinet met today for the first time since they gathered ten days ago and approved the note, which the United States subsequently sent to Germany as a protest against the sinking of the Lusitania with the loss of more than 100 American lives.

In the absence of any definite news from Berlin, there was no discussion, it was understood, of the probable contents of a reply which Germany is preparing.

Not Recognition. When the cabinet met there had been published here a memorandum given out in London by the British foreign office, explaining the arrangements being made by Great Britain with American cotton interests for disposition of their cargo were understood to be acceptable to the United States. Later Secretary Bryan gave out a statement declaring that whatever had been done by representatives of the State department to assist the cotton interests had been of an unofficial and informal character, and was not to be construed as a recognition of the order-in-council, issued by Great Britain.

Tonight Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador issued a statement explaining that this was also his understanding and suggesting that there had been some mistake in telegraphic transmission or erroneous impressions had been given British officials in London by representatives of the American cotton interests.

No Reply Received. The United States has never received a reply to its note of March 30, in which the British order-in-council proclaiming an embargo on all neutral commerce directly or indirectly with Germany always declared to be a violation of international law.

In view of the continued detentions of American cargoes under the order-in-council a note was prepared a week before the Lusitania disaster, which was to be sent to the allies as soon as further data on interference with American shipping could be secured. In some quarters there has been a disposition to urge the dispatch of the note to Great Britain at this time, because of the conviction it might convey to the German government of the purpose of the United States to obtain an adherence to international law on the part of the allies.

Discussion Brief. There was but brief discussion of the question today among cabinet officials, as President Wilson had previously resolved that the situation with Germany ought not to be complicated with any new correspondence with Great Britain.

He took the position that the questions raised over the sinking of the Lusitania had been settled on their merits, irrespective of other controversies, which the United States might have with other belligerents, holding moreover that the German government should naturally have every confidence in the intention of the United States to bring about an adherence to international law wherever its rights were violated.

It is certain therefore, that the note to Great Britain, which has been prepared for some time, will not be sent until after the German reply is received. When asked concerning the proposed note, Secretary Bryan said:

No New Representations. "We have the subject under consideration. No new representations have been made to Great Britain."

That the United States is prepared to controvert further the right of Great Britain to enforce virtually a blockade against neutral countries detaining cargoes of non-contraband—such shipments consigned to neutral ports irrespective of destination, was the intimation conveyed by Secretary Bryan in a statement regarding the British foreign office memorandum.

Notwithstanding the misunderstandings and conflicting statements with reference to the arrangements between the cotton interests and the British government, the memorandum issued by the British foreign office attracted much attention. It was generally regarded as having been put out to anticipate complaints by the United States, in the event of detentions of American cargoes. It did not, officials noted, refer to the legal principles under which the American cargoes are being detained and purchased by the provisions of the order-in-council. It is against which the American government is preparing to protest.

Weather Hampering Operations in West

LONDON, May 22.—"Since my last communication of the seventeenth," says Sir John French, the British commander-in-chief, in an official communication made public tonight, "the operations have been hampered by the weather. But in spite of this our troops have made appreciable progress near Neuve Chapelle. The main characteristics of these operations have been numerous local fights for strong points behind the enemy's original line. In capturing several of these points our infantry has shown the greatest gallantry. On the remainder of the front there is nothing to report except minor artillery engagements. Last night we brought down a German aeroplane in the neighborhood of Ypres."

London Hears Very Grave News of Russ

LONDON, May 22.—The Petrograd correspondent of the Morning Post, in a dispatch dealing with the hostilities in the southeastern theater of war, says: "News from the great battle raging over a 20-mile front remains exceedingly grave. The Russians are making progress on both flanks, but this is unimportant, as the German main onset is at a center from the confluence of the San and Vistula rivers to Przemyśl, a distance of sixty miles, every yard of which has been the scene of desperate fighting for days. It is here that a decision must be reached, and so far the Germans continue to have the better of the struggle."

PARTIES COALESCE IN ENGLISH CABINET TO PRESS WAR

The picture shows Premier Asquith, who still remains head of the British government; Bonar Law, unionist, slated as chancellor of the exchequer; Sir Edward Carson, reported lord privy seal; Winston Churchill, who leaves the admiralty to become secretary for India, and David Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer.



AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Business and Yards Men Enthusiastic Over Plans for Greater Omaha Election.

WARD ORGANIZATION FORMED

Thirty-seven South Omaha business men met at the business place of N. E. Carter last night and formed a citizens' organization to adopt the best means of bringing out a majority affirmative annexation vote June 1.

One "Big Omaha," with one set of officials "big enough" to govern Greater Omaha, and a steady, consistent pull against legalizing by popular vote the \$300,000 Park board improvement bonds were the mutual statements voiced by the numerous speakers present. Politics was unanimously voted to the rear and the meeting resolved itself wholly into one insistent shout for annexation and the defeat of the park bond issue.

Joe Koutsky, recognized leader of local business men, opened the meeting and N. E. Carter was elected chairman with Ed Roggen as secretary. Park board member Ben Sanger spoke briefly explaining the evident intention of the Park board to buy up more land should the bond issue receive the popular approval and urged the men present to work for the defeat of the measure on June 1. He was seconded by an effective speech from J. J. Breen and the latter introduced a motion urging the defeat of the bond issue "deal," which received the unanimous vote of all present.

Annexation Slated Affirmatively. Koutsky took the annexation matter to a rousing welcome by discussing the matter from the laborer's standpoint. "In Omaha," said the business men's leader, "the Commercial Club, in co-operation with the improvement clubs of the city, is making an organized effort to make the vote there so large as to make it impossible for us to defeat the measure should we be so inclined. But the fact of the matter is, the majority of the people of South Omaha are for annexation of necessity. Today we are in vital need of more manufacturers of the small town variety who can offer our laboring men from eight to ten hours' day labor. In the packing houses at present the average man laborer gets from three to seven hours per day with hundreds constantly out of work. The forceful power of the Omaha Commercial club to bring new manufacturers here will not be won by any attempt on the part of the people of South Omaha to oppose this bill. We must meet the people of Omaha with open arms and then they will give us a square deal."

For One Big City. Attorney A. H. Murdock argued for one "big" city with one set of officials "big enough" to govern a Greater Omaha. The facilities here in the way of trackage and other valuable natural sites mark the south side of a Greater Omaha as having wonderful possibilities and the people residing here would cut out personalities and banish the imaginary line, he argued. Colonel Fitz-Roberts corroborated his statements by declaring that South Omaha was situated in the finest corn raising land in the country with a capacity to handle more live stock than any other market in the world outside of Chicago.

Judge J. J. Breen and Ed Roggen stated that every year the city of South Omaha was compelled to send east from \$0 to \$5 per cent interest on the outstanding \$5,000,000 debt in bonded bonds. Breen stated that from \$5 to 90 per cent of the property on Twenty-fourth street was owned by people living outside the city.

Marked Hits Nihil on Hand. J. J. Markley, prominent local baker said: "When you go to hit a man you don't hit him with your fingers stretched apart. You clench them up in a tight fist lock. Suppose we tried to induce an eastern manufacturer or one just contemplating building a new house to come here as we are divided. Florence, Benson,

South Omaha, Dundee and Omaha with all separate municipalities. Could we strike a decent blow with such high taxes and unknown individuality? No, certainly not. We must be united."

State Representative John Larson explained that the bill would in no way change the school systems of South Omaha other than to subordinate the superintendent of schools and the chief of police. No teacher could be removed without adequate complaint as to her inefficiency as an instructor, he said, and it would be impossible under the law to make the local high school a two-year institution as has been rumored would be done.

Move Under Way. A motion, unanimously passed, pledged all present to pull for a Greater Omaha and to work until the date of the election, each one as a committee of one. It was introduced by Koutsky and seconded by Fitz-Roberts. Larson moved that men be appointed from each ward to work in their precinct individually. W. E. Reed, manager of the Clay-Robinson firm, was appointed manager of the campaign at the yards and exchange buildings.

J. J. Breen, chairman; H. G. Pike, printer, and Attorney A. H. Murdock were appointed committee on arrangements for the coming campaign. Ward captains were appointed as follows: Charles Winters, First ward; Joe Daak, Second ward; J. P. Krause, Third ward; P. J. Trainor, Fourth ward; Tom Kotial, Fifth ward; Sam Schlegel, Sixth ward, and Jay Trapp, Seventh ward. The meeting adjourned until Wednesday evening, May 26, the evening after which the annexation court proceedings goes into court.

Carl Seal Benefit. The Carl Seal benefit entertainment has taken a definite form. Saturday evening, a week from this evening, a vaudeville entertainment will be presented by several local alumni. Over 1,000 tickets have been printed free of charge by the Stockman Press and will be sold at 25 and 50 cents to the public. Posters with the picture of the young athlete on the cover will be run off this afternoon and a committee under the direction of Principal S. W. Moore will bill the town.

Alumni took the matter in hand immediately after all hope of raising the money through the Board of Education had been given up, and it is expected that \$200 or more will be raised by the entertainment. To raise the remainder of the \$200 deemed necessary by the attending doctors to at least prolong and possibly save the life of the athlete, the alumni are planning to give a series of dances, if local dance hall owners will donate their floors for the occasion.

"Father's Day" Celebrated. "Father's day" will be celebrated at the First Presbyterian church tomorrow. Rev. Robert L. Wheeler, pastor of the church, has arranged a special program for the celebration and will preach a sermon on the subject at 11 o'clock. The Sunday school hour, at 9:45 a. m., will also be taken up with the special program. All the fathers in the congregation are extended a special invitation by the pastor and are urged to attend.

Base Ball Games Postponed. The South Omaha-Council Bluffs base ball game scheduled to be played yesterday afternoon at Merchants' park in Council Bluffs, was postponed until next Tuesday afternoon because of the wet grounds.

Church Notes. St. Luke's Lutheran, Twenty-fifth and K. Rev. E. H. Vein, Pastor—Sunday school at 9:45; morning service at 11. Subject of sermon, "Pentecost." St. Martin's, Corner Twenty-fourth and J. Rev. John Wallis, Pastor—Services for Whit Sunday, celebrations holy eucharist, 7:30 and 11; Matins and Sunday school always welcome. Wednesday-Monday celebration holy eucharist, 7:30; Whit Sunday—Tuesday, holy eucharist, 7:30. Ministers always welcome. First Presbyterian, Twenty-third and J. Rev. Robert L. Wheeler, Pastor—Rev. J. D. Ramsey of Omaha will give an address Sunday evening at 8 o'clock in the church. This service will be the union service of the South Omaha churches and will be second in a series of rallies

meetings in preparation for the "Billy" Sunday campaign. Everybody is invited. Other services at the usual hours.

Magie City Goals. The Northeast Improvement club held a meeting last evening at the home of C. F. Winters, Nineteenth and G streets. The Royal Mystic Legion will meet this evening at the home of F. O. Spear, Eighteenth and H streets. Refreshments will be served.

The women of the First Christian church will serve an afternoon dinner June 1 at McCraney hall, Twenty-fourth and O streets.

The Eagles will give their usual Saturday evening dance this evening at the hall at Twenty-third and N streets. The local Order of Moose will also celebrate.

Electric light men were hanging the large arc lights on the iron pillars of the new Main street ornamental light system yesterday. It will be three weeks or a month, however, before the system will be ready for operation, due to the complexity of installing the underground wiring.

The entertainment committee of the local Order of Redmen announce their regular weekly dance to take place at the hall at Twenty-fourth and O streets, this evening at 8 o'clock.

German Publishes Budget of Belgium

LONDON, May 22.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Amsterdam says: "General von Bissing, the German governor general in Belgium, has published the Belgian budget for 1915. It gives the revenue for the year as \$35,015,000 and the expenditures at \$35,211,000. The statement says that means for providing for the deficit of \$1,000,000 will have to be found later."

Germans Will Call Up Two Million Men

LONDON, May 22.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Daily Mail says he has learned from an authoritative Berlin source that Germany is about to call up 2,000,000 men. Berlin official circles, he states, believe that an army of 500,000 will be sufficient to cope with Italy.

The Real Suffrage Thought of Women

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CAN HARDLY HOLD ITALIAN SOLDIERS

Officers Have Difficulty to Restrain Men from Crossing the Frontier.

HUGE MILITARY ENCAMPMENT

UDINE, Italy (via Chiasso to Paris), May 22.—From the Alps down to the sea, the whole vast region has been transformed into a huge military encampment. Everywhere are tents, gun carriages and flags and the intense activity which marks a military camp.

In the extended plains of Friuli, stretching along the sea, Italian sentinels near the frontier can see the ruins of Aquileia, a second Rome founded by the Romans in 181 B. C. The Italian army officers have great difficulty in restraining the soldiers from crossing the frontier here, the men being anxious to conquer Friuli from which came Brenigarius, the first king of Italy.

"No Passage Here." The troops most anxious to fight are the Alpine soldiers, who are of the same type as the French Alpine chasseur. These men number 80,000 and they have been chosen from among the strongest and bravest of the mountaineers. They are commanded by a selected set of officers, who know all the secrets of the snow capped boundaries. The Alpine troops occupy all the passes, their motto being no admittance through here.

Four of the best known Italian generals are here working day and night with their staffs. These men are General Prugon, who distinguished himself in Libya; Lucevaci, who is much admired by the troops; Nays, well known for his energy, and Brusati, a brother of General Ugo Brusati, aide-de-camp to the king.

Declative Action Difficult.

The general opinion is that it would be almost impossible for declative action through the well fortified Alpine region of the province of Trent, where an attack would have as its only object the keeping there of a large contingent of hostile troops. For the same reason, a landing of Italian troops might occur on the Dalmatian coast, it is said, or some contingent might go to help Montenegro and Serbia resume their offensive.

The conflict may find its solution in the valley of the Isone river in eastern Friuli, according to military critics. The Italians it is said, may advance with three main bodies from San Giorgio, Pulmanova and Cormona, proceeding towards Gorizia, Gradisca and Monfalcone, having as their ultimate object Trieste.

The Boe Want Ads Are Best Business Boosters.

TWO MEN IN QUARREL OVER AID IN SICKNESS

Because Charles S. Duke, porter in Hart's saloon at Sixteenth and Cass streets, had refused to send money to Theodore Wilson while the latter was in a hospital, Wilson quarreled with Duke in the saloon last night and out a long cash in his scalp with a pocket knife. Police surgeon Tamsieles attended Duke. Wilson was arrested on the charge of cutting to wound by Detective Murphy and Rooney. Duke lives at 1810 California street, and Wilson is a painter whose home is at 224 Lake street.

Working Crews Of the King Are Coached for Stunts

The working crews of Ak-Sar-Ben were taught their duties last evening at the Den by Gus Benz, who coached the crew of each "boat" as it was brought into the "garden" just in front of the stage and put through its mechanical surprises.

It was the last ordinary working crew night. Next Monday there will be a dress rehearsal and Mr. Benz served notice that those of the crews, who do not appear then, will disappear altogether from the roster.

The interior of the Den is being redecorated in a manner that will make it a place of beauty. Pleasant scenes, palms and Cupids appear up around the edges of the ceilings. The walls are covered with painted scenes and with lattice work, over which roses will climb.

"It not only makes it much more attractive, but improves the acoustic properties as well," said Benz.

Encouragement comes from the vocal department. The chorus is growing until it is within three or four of the desired number, which is fifty.

Germany to Respect U. S. Flag Upon Ships

GENEVA, May 22.—(Via Paris.)—A dispatch received in Basel from Berlin tonight states that the German government, before discussing the American note concerning the sinking of the Lusitania, promised Washington to respect the American flag on ships. Germany also agreed, it is stated, that if ships belonging to the allies were to be torpedoed, notice would be given to the passengers and crews before the vessels were sunk. This order, it is added, was issued to the commanders of all German submarines.

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