

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."

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 Viatria rivers to Przemysl, 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 Park board improvement bonds were the mutual statements voiced by the numerous speakers present.

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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 Brenner, the first king of Italy.

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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 Italian 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 Cormana, proceeding towards Gorizia, Gradisca and Monfalcone, having as their ultimate object Trieste.

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 Tamblies 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.

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