

INTERNED VESSELS ARE SEIZED BY U. S.

Cecile at New York and Cruisers Kronprinz Wilhelm and Eitel Are Taken Over.

FOUR IN CRISTOBAL HARBOR

Boston, Mass., Feb. 3.—United States Marshall Mitchell tonight took physical possession of the North German Lloyd liner Kronprinzessin Cecile, which has been nominally in his custody since the litigation instituted against the owners by the National City bank of New York.

Four Liners Seized.

Panama, Feb. 3.—The Hamburg-American line steamships, which have been in Cristobal harbor were seized this afternoon by the canal zone authorities. Night harbor traffic at Cristobal has been stopped.

Two Taken Over.

Philadelphia, Feb. 3.—Early tonight the interned German auxiliary cruisers Kronprinz Wilhelm and Prinz Eitel Friedrich were seized by order of the Navy department and their crews imprisoned in an isolation barracks. The seizure was followed by the placing of an armed guard at the yard entrance, while marines were assigned to patrol the land side limits of the government preserve. Motor boats and other light craft with machine guns aboard patrolled the river and prevented vessels from coming within prescribed limits. Commandant Russell issued orders recalling shore leave of all marines and sailors. Visitors to the yard were strictly forbidden.

Four Steamers Sail.

Disregarding the new sea peril announced by Germany, four steamers, one flying the American flag laden with munitions and other rich cargoes destined for the war zone, sailed from here today. They are the British ships Mendip Range for Leith and Saxo-letine for Havre; the Italian liner Italia for Genoa and the Norwegian ship Admiralen for Liverpool. Among the half dozen steamers that cleared for foreign ports was the American tanker Gold Shell, for Bordeaux and Rouen, France.

Friendly Relation With Germany Now Brought to an End

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staff. His passports were not actually delivered until 2 o'clock in the afternoon. While the president was addressing congress, one of Secretary Lansing's confidential assistants called at the embassy and delivered the passports and a note in reply to the German declaration.

President Wilson kept himself in seclusion during the morning, except for a brief conference with Secretary Lansing, until he left the White House for the capitol shortly before 2 o'clock. In preparation for the history-making event, the senate and house had assembled in the hall of the latter body. Justices of the supreme court had seats on the floor, the cabinet sat in a reserved space. Ambassador Jusserand of France occupied his reserved seat in the diplomatic gallery, which was packed, principally with neutrals, who came to hear words of far-reaching importance affecting their own governments.

As usual a committee of congressmen met the president and escorted him to the speakers' dais. The whole body rose and cheered as the president, acknowledging their greeting without his usual smile, but grim faced and solemn, took his place at the clerk's desk and began reading the document which is being heard 'round the world.

Reviews Situation.

Not a sound came from floor or gallery, but the clear calm tones of the president reading slowly and distinctly. The assemblage of senators, representatives and notables about him listened with closest attention to words which may record one of the sombre moments of American history, if not indeed of the world.

Briefly he reviewed how last April the United States warned Germany after the destruction of the Sussex that unless the imperial government declared an abandonment of that sort of submarine warfare the United States would have no choice but to sever diplomatic relations altogether.

Then he quoted from the German reply which gave assurance that no ships would be sunk without warning and provision for safety of passengers and crew.

Quotes Previous Warning.

He recounted the provision the German government attached which in effect reserved to itself the right to recant its promise: if the United States did not secure relaxation of the British restraints on commerce, and

GERMAN AMBASSADOR AT WASHINGTON.



COUNT VON BERNSTORFF.

then quoted from the reply of the United States which refused to consider a conditional pledge and gave Germany final warning that it could not entertain or discuss any such suggestion.

The president did not refer to the long list of submarine operations which have been conducted in violation of the Sussex pledges, but proceeded at once to the war zone order which became effective February 1.

When he told how the German proclamation left nothing for the honor and dignity of the United States but a break in relations and that he had ordered passports sent to von Bernstorff and a recall to Mr. Gerard, the assemblage broke into a cheer in which republicans and democrats alike joined.

Waits for Avert Act.

More applause greeted his declaration that only an avert act could convince him that Germany intended to violate American lives and rights, and there was prolonged applause and cheering when he concluded by announcing that should American ships and lives be sacrificed "in heedless contravention of the just and reason-

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able understanding of international law and the obvious dictates of humanity," he would again appear before congress to ask authority to "use any means that may be necessary for the protection of our seamen and our people."

As he concluded there were cheers of approval from both sides of the chamber and the president returned to the White House to discuss measures of precaution with Secretary Daniels of the navy and Secretary Baker of the War department.

Diplomats Attend. There was an unusual attendance of diplomats to hear the president's address. Practically all the South Americans were represented and many other neutrals.

The gravity of the occasion was further pictured by the presence of the justices of the supreme court and members of the cabinet upon the floor. When the president concluded congress rose and again cheering remained standing while he left the chamber.

While the president was addressing congress, Law Adviser Woolsey of the State department was at the German embassy with a communication for Count von Bernstorff which contained passports for the ambassador, his wife, the embassy staff and his suite, which comprised more than a hundred persons.

Expressions of Approval. There were expressions of support and approval of the president's course. As the joint session dissolved, both houses went back to their work.

Soon after Count von Bernstorff's passports arrived, United States secret service men threw a guard about the ambassador and his suite to make certain that the hospitality of the United States is not violated while he remains on American soil. The status of Count Tarnowski, the Austrian ambassador was undecided, although he called at the State department to ar-

range for presenting his credentials to President Wilson.

For months, ever since relations with Germany became acute there have been ominous signs of threatened activities of German sympathizers and disloyal Americans if diplomatic relations were broken off. The administration has not been unmindful of these. Various branches of the government have informed themselves on the subject far more completely than might be thought.

Can Handle Situation. Officials express themselves as satisfied that they will be able to cope with the situation. In the army and navy, and in the citizenship generally, officials realize that the composite character of American nationality makes it difficult not to find some persons who will express sympathy with the land of their birth.

The attempt to sink the torpedo boat Jacob Jones at Philadelphia today is recognized as an instance of some of the things which may be expected, but on the whole all the agencies of the government believe they have made preparations to meet such exigencies or are prepared to meet them as they arise.

German Prize Crew Is Removed From the Appam. Washington, Feb. 3.—Lieutenant Hans Berg and his German prize crew were removed from the liner Appam at Newport News, Va., today by coast guard cutters under direction of a United States marshal. The ship is in the custody of the federal court pending appeal to the supreme court from a decision warding it to its English owners.

Lieutenant Berg notified the embassy here by long distance telephone. He had been allowed to retain possession of the vessel under bond given by the German government.

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A CRIME TO GO TO WAR, SAYS BRYAN

Nebraskan Declares America Should Not Fight a Nation That Is Not an Enemy.

PLEADS FOR REFERENDUM

New York, Feb. 2.—William J. Bryan declared at a peace meeting in Madison Square garden here tonight that it would be a crime against the nation and the world if the United States enters the European war. He praised highly President Wilson's efforts in behalf of peace and asserted that the president's recent address to the senate had placed him among the nation's immortals.

The mass meeting was called by the American Neutral Conference committee to voice approval and support of the president's peace policies. A resolution was adopted pledging unflinching support of the president in any effort to keep the nation out of war.

Mr. Bryan roused the audience to enthusiasm when he asserted the constitution should be amended by providing for a referendum on the declaration of war.

No nation has challenged the United States, Mr. Bryan declared, but if any nation should, this would be the answer, he said, the country should give: "No, we have the welfare of 100,000,000 people to guard; priceless ideals to preserve and we will not wallow with you in a mire of blood to conform to a false standard."

"God forbid that we should go to war with a nation that is not an enemy and does not want war with us."

Austrian Ship Interned At New York is Damaged

New York.—Word reached the police today that coincident with the publication of the news of the rupture with Germany, the Austrian freighter Himalaya, which has been

lying in Newark bay, an estuary of New York harbor, has been put out of commission. The report had that the piston heads and other parts of its engines had been smashed by crowbars and axes.

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