

The United States Sends an Ultimatum to Germany

President Wilson Tells Huns That Piratical Attacks on Merchant Ships Must Cease--An Immediate Reply is Demanded--Diplomatic Relations Likely to be Severed--Plain Talk From the President.

Washington, April 19.—President Wilson told Congress, assembled in joint session shortly after 1 o'clock this afternoon, that he has given Germany irrevocable notification that the United States will break off diplomatic relations if her illegal submarine campaign is continued. A note, America's last word, practically an ultimatum, demanding an immediate reply, presumably was in the Berlin Foreign Office as the President was speaking. It was dispatched last night in accordance with the President's plan to have it before the German government at the same moment as he was addressing the American Congress.

The President demands nothing less than the abandonment of submarine warfare against commerce. The President's address and the note to Germany are virtually identical. He declares in unequivocal terms that only by Germany acceding to the demand can the breaking off of relations altogether be prevented.

The President considers that the next step depends solely upon Germany, and that three or four days constitute a reasonable time for a reply. He is willing to discuss how submarine warfare may be conducted within the limits of international law and humanity after Germany abandons her present methods.

Diplomatic history records but one instance as yet where a breaking of relations between two first class powers has not eventually brought war—that which now exists between Germany and Italy.

Congress received the President's declaration of his course with mixed evidence of concern and approbation. Most of the leaders, Democratic and Republican, thought the President hardly could do less, and some expressed the opinion that his action would not lead to war. Republican Leader Mann alone of all the opposition leaders, openly attacked the President for his stand. He characterized it as a political play.

No Room for Double Meaning.

President Wilson's words leave no opportunity for double meaning. In his address to Congress he said:

"I have deemed it my duty to say to the Imperial German government that if it is still its purpose to prosecute relentless and indiscriminate warfare, the Government of the United States it at last forced to the conclusion that there is but one course it can pursue, and that unless the Imperial German Government should now, immediately, declare and effect an abandonment of its present methods of warfare against passenger and freight carrying vessels this Government can have no choice but to sever diplomatic relations altogether."

The note, except in the matter of address, has the same wording as the President's speech.

Had the recent attack on the channel steamer Sussex, the note tells Germany, been an isolated case, the United States might have hoped that the submarine commander acted in violation of his government's solemn pledges, and that the ends of justice might have been satisfied by a disavowal, reparation and his proper punishment. But, it adds, this case "unhappily does not stand alone."

The United States, the communication declares, considers the torpedoing of the Sussex not only proved by the evidence, but actually substantiated by the German disclaimer of responsibility.

Convincing Evidence in Note.

Attached to the American note, as an appendix, are the facts in the case of the Sussex. They show that three American army and naval officers found in the hull of the destroyed ship not only screw bolts which correspond in use and identification marks with those on German torpedoes in possession of the French government at the naval station at Toulon, but that the American officers actually found thirteen pieces of metal which they have identified as parts of German torpedoes. Four of them, steel parts of the "warhead" of the torpedo, still bear the distinctive red paint common to German "warheads."

Besides this evidence, the note contends, every circumstance, either admitted by Germany in her disclaimer, or proved by affidavit of persons on the destroyed liner, proves beyond a question that she was torpedoed without warning.

In short, the United States presents the evidence as the capstone to an accumulation of evidence extending over a period of months which is held to prove irrefutably that Germany's assurances to the United States have repeatedly been wantonly violated.

Copies of the American note were sent to representatives here of neutral nations, on the assumption that they are as much interested as the United States in the protection of neutral rights. The document was not given to any of the belligerent diplomats, as the controversy is regarded as being solely between the United States and Germany.

Abandonment Before Discussion.

Count Von Bernstorff already has reiterated to Secretary Lansing that under no circumstances will Germany give up the submarine as a weapon of warfare, because she contends it is a retaliation for Great Britain's food blockade. The Ambassador has declared, however, that his government will attempt to bring submarine operations within the law of nations. This the United States is willing to discuss after Germany has abandoned her present methods—not before.

Against that possibility stands the

declaration in the American note that the United States has considered, from the first, that the employment of submarines for the destruction of commerce is, by its very nature, "utterly incompatible with the principles of humanity, the long-established and incontrovertible rights of neutrals and the sacred immunities of non-combatants."

In concluding his speech at the joint meeting of the Senate and Congress, President Wilson said:

Only One Course for the U. S.

"I have deemed it my duty, therefore, to say to the Imperial German Government that if it is still its purpose to prosecute relentless and indiscriminate warfare against vessels of commerce by the use of submarines, notwithstanding the now demonstrated impossibility of conducting that warfare in accordance with what the government of the United States must consider the sacred and indisputable rules of international law and the universally recognized dictates of humanity, the Government of the United States is at last forced to the conclusion that there is but one course it can pursue, and that unless the Imperial German Government should now immediately declare and effect an abandonment of its present methods of warfare against passenger and freight vessels, this Government can have no choice but to sever diplomatic relations with the Government of the German Empire altogether."

"This decision I have arrived at with the keenest regret; the possibility of the action contemplated I am sure all thoughtful Americans will look forward to with unaffected reluctance."

The Spokesmen of Humanity.

"But we cannot forget that we are, in some sort and by the force of circumstances, the responsible spokesmen of the rights of humanity, and that we cannot remain silent while those rights seem in process of being swept utterly away in the maelstrom of this terrible war."

"We owe it to a due regard for our own rights as a nation, to our sense of duty as a representative of the rights of neutrals the world over, and to a just conception of the rights of mankind, to take this stand now with the utmost solemnity and firmness."

"I have taken it, and taken it in the confidence that it will meet with your approval and support. All sober-minded men must unite in hoping that the Imperial German Government, which has in other circumstances stood as the champion of all that we are now contending for in the interests of humanity, may recognize the justice of our demands and meet them in the spirit in which they are made."

YORK CO. HAS A CHIEF GAME WARDEN

Mr. William McMullen Holds Down the Job at a Stipend of \$3 Per Day.

Hon. Mr. Murray, in reply to Mr. Dugal's inquiry in the House on Wednesday, said:

1. Is William McMullen still in the employ of the Crown Land Department of the Province? If not, when did his term of employment terminate, and why were his services dispensed with?

Answer—William McMullen is still in the employ of the Department.

2. What is the nature of the duties performed by Mr. McMullen? How much was he paid by the department?

Answer—Mr. McMullen is the Chief Game Warden of the County of York. He is paid \$3 per day when employed.

The Antimony Company.

Hon. Mr. Murray, in reply to Mr. Dugal's inquiry:

1. What amount has been paid by the Canadian Antimony Company, Ltd. as rental for the mining rights held by it at Lake George, in the Parish of Prince William, York county?

Answer—The rental paid by the Canadian Antimony Co., Ltd., is \$100 per annum.

2. When was the last payment made, and what was the amount?

Answer—The last payment was made on March 22nd, 1915. The amount was \$600.

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Answer—The company is not in arrears in payment.

The Case of David Ladds.

Hon. Mr. Murray, in reply to Mr. Pelletier's inquiry:

1. Is David Ladds, of Manguerville, Sunbury county, an inmate of the Provincial Hospital for Nervous Diseases at the present time?

2. Was his property sold to provide for his maintenance, and if so, what were the proceeds?

3. Did not the Parish of Manguerville pay for the support of David Ladds during the years 1914 and 1915?

Answer to questions 1, 2 and 3—David Ladds of Manguerville, Sunbury county, is an inmate of the Provincial Hospital for Nervous Diseases at the present time, and his property has been sold to provide for his maintenance. Owing to the absence from the province of Dr. Anglin, Superintendent of the Provincial Hospital, the Commissioners are not in a position to answer the above questions in detail until his return.

A PUBLIC MEETING

Will be held in the City Hall on MONDAY EVENING NEXT, April 24th inst., at 8 o'clock.

A resolution was unanimously adopted by the City Council at the meeting held on Tuesday evening last:

"Resolved, that His Worship, the Mayor request the Board of Trade, the Labour Union and citizens generally to meet this City Council in joint session next Monday evening in this Council Chamber, for the purpose of considering, and if thought advisable, adopting on or about the first of May next the Daylight Saving Scheme, so called, for the City of Fredericton."

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City Hall, April 20, 1916.

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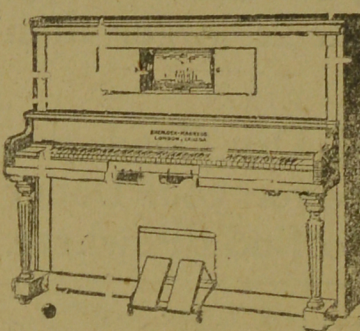
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