

GERMAN REPLY TO AMERICAN NOTE ON LUSITANIA

Full Text of Imperial Government's Communication to United States

CLAIM MADE THAT LINER WAS FIGHTING VESSEL

Final Decision On Wilson's Demands is Withheld Until Consideration is Given to Alleged Facts Regarding Status of Sunken Ship.

Berlin, May 31.—The following is the text of the German note, sent in reply to the United States protest against the sinking of the Lusitania and attacks on American steamers.

"The undersigned has the honor to submit to Ambassador Gerard the following answer to the communication of May 15 regarding the injury to American interests through German submarine warfare:

"The imperial government has subjected the communication of the American government to a thorough investigation. It entertains no wish to cooperate in a frank and friendly way in clearing up a possible misunderstanding which may have arisen in the relations between the two governments through the events mentioned by the American government.

"Regarding, firstly, the cases of the American steamers Cushing and Gulflight. The American embassy has already been informed that the German government has no intention of submitting neutral ships in the war zone, which are guilty of no hostile acts, to attacks by a submarine or by means of aviation.

"If neutral ships in recent months submarine warfare owing to mistakes in identification. It is a question only of quite isolated and exceptional cases which can be attributed to the British government's abuse of flags, together with the suspicious or culpable behavior of the masters of the ships.

"Has Expressed Regret. "The German government, in all cases where it has been shown by its investigations that a neutral ship, not itself at fault, was damaged by German submarine or aviators, has expressed regret over the unfortunate accident, and, if justified by conditions, has offered indemnification.

"The cases of the Cushing and the Gulflight will be treated on the same principles. An investigation of other cases in progress, the result of which will presently be communicated to the embassy. The investigation can, if necessary, be supplemented by an international call on the international commission of inquiry as provided by Article III. of The Hague agreement of October 18, 1907.

"When sinking the British steamer Falba, the commander of the German submarine had the intention of allowing the passengers a full opportunity for escape. Only when they did not obey the order to heave-to, but fled and summoned help by rocket signals, did the German commander order the crew and passengers by signals and megaphone to leave the ship within 23 minutes' time, and fired the torpedoes only when suspicious cries were hastening to the assistance of the Falba.

"Regarding the loss of life by the sinking of the British passenger steamer Lusitania the German government has already expressed to the neutral governments concerned its keen regret that citizens of their states lost their lives.

"On this occasion, the imperial government, however, cannot express any impression that certain important facts having a direct bearing on the sinking of the Lusitania may have escaped the attention of the American government.

"In the interest of a clear and complete understanding, which is the aim of both governments, the imperial government considers it first necessary to convince itself that the information accessible to both governments about the facts of the case is complete and in accord.

"The government of the United States proceeds on the assumption that the Lusitania could be regarded as an ordinary unarmed merchant

man. The imperial government allows itself in this connection to point out that the Lusitania was one of the largest and fastest British merchant ships, built with government funds as an auxiliary cruiser and carried expressly as such in the navy list issued by the British admiralty.

"It is further known to the imperial government, from trustworthy reports from its agents and neutral passengers, that, for a considerable time, practically all the more valuable British merchantmen have been equipped with cannon and ammunition and other weapons, and manned with persons who have been specially trained in serving guns. The Lusitania, too, according to information received here, had cannon aboard, which were mounted and concealed below decks.

"Rammed Submarines. "The imperial government, further, has the honor to direct the particular attention of the American government to the fact that the British admiralty, in a confidential instruction issued in January, 1915, recommended its merchant shipping not only to seek protection under neutral flags and distinguishing marks, but also, while thus disguised, to attack German submarines by means of special special incitation to merchantmen to destroy submarines, the British government also offered high prizes and has already paid such rewards.

"The imperial government, in view of the facts indubitably known to it, is unable to regard British merchantmen in the zone of naval operations specified by the admiralty staff of the German navy as innocent and consequently no longer able to observe the customary regulations of the prize law, which they before always followed.

"Finally the imperial government wishes to point out that the German Lusitania on its last trip, as on earlier occasions, carried Canadian troops and war material, including no less than 5,400 cases of ammunition intended for the destruction of the brave German soldiers who are fulfilling their duty with self-sacrifice and devotion in the fatherland's service.

"The German government believes that it was acting in justified self-defense in seeking with all the means of warfare at its disposition to protect the lives of its soldiers by destroying ammunition intended for the enemy.

"Company Aware. "The British shipping company must have been aware of the danger to which the passengers of the Lusitania were exposed under these conditions. The company in embarking them, notwithstanding this attempted deliberately to use the lives of American citizens as protection against the clear provisions of the American law, which expressly prohibits the forwarding of passengers on ships carrying arms and provisions a passenger therefor. The company, therefore, is wantonily guilty of the death of so many passengers.

"There can be no doubt, according to the definite report of the submarine, that the Lusitania was further confirmed by all other information, that the quick sinking of the Lusitania is primarily attributable to the explosion of the ammunition on board, which caused the death of the passengers. The Lusitania's passengers would otherwise, in all human probability, have been saved.

"The imperial government considers the above-mentioned facts important enough to recommend to the American government a re-examination of the American government.

"The imperial government while withholding its final decision on the demands advanced in connection with the Lusitania case, until receipt of an answer from the American government, feels impelled, in conclusion, to recall here and now that it took cognizance with satisfaction of the fact that the proposals submitted by the United States government to Berlin and London as a basis for a modus vivendi for conducting the maritime warfare between Germany and the United States, the imperial government by its readiness to enter on a discussion of these proposals then demonstrated its good intentions in ample fashion. The realization of these proposals was defeated, as is known, by the declinatory attitude of the British government.

"The undersigned takes occasion, etc. (Signed) "JAGOW".

Washington.—In line with its announced determination to develop the submarine arm of the navy and eliminate its present faults, Secretary Daniels Friday designated Captain A. W. Gray, one of the highest ranking officers of his grade, to command the Atlantic submarine flotilla and exercise general supervision over that branch of the navy.

Captain Gray, who now commands the battleship Texas, will assume his new duties next month.

London.—The British battleship Mistletoe, another of the new battleships designed by Captain A. W. Gray, was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine Thursday morning. Nearly all the officers and crew were saved.

Vom Schauplatz des europäischen Völker-Krieges

Zu Italiens Zerbruch und Hauptpolitik.

Wenn man den jüngsten Depeschen aus Rom, die von patriotischer Begeisterung getragenen Bericht der letzten Parlamentssitzung betrachten, London schenken darf und wenn man ferner die in die Öffentlichkeit gelangenden Äußerungen aus dem italienischen Reich überfliegt, ohne den Wahnhaft der Kritik anzulegen, könnte man billig auf den Gedanken kommen, daß Italien den unglücklichen Kämpfen gleich, das fester steht und geteilt alle Kräfte und Kräfte hingeworfen hat, die es von Ost bis zum Ende der Zeiten erhalten hat. Nicht nur die Rede des Premieres Salandra, so wohl man im ersten Augenblick nicht, was man mehr bewundern soll: das Wort, das er bei der Wahl seiner Worte verwendet hat, oder die Begeisterung, mit der er den Eintritt des Landes in den Krieg zu begründen sucht. Wie den Krieg zu begründen sucht. Wie die Nation angeblich im Laufe der letzten 30 Jahre gelitten hat: Wir haben, wir sind er seinen Jähzorn vor, das System der Bündnisse und freundschaftlichen Beziehungen aufrechtzuerhalten und das europäische Gleichgewicht zu erhalten. Man muß sich dem Gedankens nicht erschrecken, daß in ihm noch ein Teil von Gemüthen ist, der ihn hindert, das sind beim rechten Namen zu nennen und flipp und klar zu sprechen: Wir wollen im Frieden bleiben und Handlungen in unserer Welt bringen, nach dem wir schon immer im Stillen verlohrt haben.

Wahr erklärte sich schon im Laufe Salandra, der einleitend, "von dem ichen Glauben an die Gerechtigkeit unserer Sache" folgt, um am Schluß seiner Rede beifügen zu werden und irant und frei zu bekräftigen, daß der Augenblick gekommen ist, die unheimlich großen Aufgaben zu erfüllen. Doch das nicht als eine Spiegelbild und "Broschüre" ist, darüber kann für denjenigen kein Zweifel bestehen, der mit der Gelehrtheit und Geographie Italiens nur ein geringes vertraut ist. Sagen wir es doch gerade heraus, das Verlangen des Exponenten über das Nationalitätswort, die bisher in den Händen der Doppelmonarchie lag, zu sichern. Unders läßt sich keinesfalls die gelehrte Abstraktion der an der Nationalität die gelegenen Inseln Sizilien, Sardinien, Gago und Neapel, die zum Teil von fremden Händen waren, die Zeit vor dem Zerbruch des Landes, die Wert haben würden, erklären (Wohl aber ist nicht ein starkbestimmter Kriegesflor, der zu den besten und geräumigsten des ganzen Mittelmeeres gehört). Es ist darum verstandlich, warum Österreich bei allem Entgegenkommen, das es in dieser Beziehung entgegenbrachte, nicht die kleinste Inseln des Archipels hergeben will. Genau so verhält es sich mit der verlangten Umwandlung Triests in einen unabhängigen Staat unter dem Protektorat Italiens. Sätze Österreich ohne Einführung Triest genügt, so würde Italien die Genügte über den Meer, für 65 Jahre die österreichische Flotte, erlangt haben. Sätze Italien dann noch den stark befestigten Hafen von Triest in Albanien einleiten können, so wäre damit zu dem schonen Lustschloß, das zu bauen es sich angefangen, der Schicksal angefallen. Wie leicht es nun mit den nicht erlassen Substanten, "Cominos" das höhergenannte Dilemma läßt die Ansicht aufkommen, als wenn die in Frage kommenden Teile Österreichs dem Zuge wären, den Italien unter dem Druck der Verhältnisse dargebracht. Doch ist es mit der Angabe hinsichtlich Triest zur italienischen Flotte ein eben so profanes Ding wie mit der von Triest, Goro und Gradisca. Aus der Geschichte des Jahres 1862 zu Österreich gehört hat und, mit Ausnahme der Jahre 1797 bis 1805, wo es die Franzosen besaßen, und der Jahre 1809 bis 1815, wo es ein Teil der kaiserlichen Provinz Triest war, unter dem ersten Österreich besaß. Nicht viel anders ist es mit dem Kronland des italienischen Gebiets der Doppelmonarchie, der Grafschaft Triest und Gradisca, das dem österreichischen Kaiser seit 1500 anvertraut und bis zum Jahre 1809 bis 1815, wo es die Schicksale des Wiener Kongresses an Österreich zurückgab, zu Frankreich gehörte.

So liehe noch die Nationalitätsfrage übrig, die ja auch von Italien in die Wagschale geworfen wird, um das Gewicht der Bevölkerung seiner Forderung zu erhöhen. Die Bevölkerung Triests setzt sich zu zwei Dritteln aus Südländern (nämlich Kroaten, Serben und Slowenen) und nur zu einem Drittel aus russischen Italienern zusammen. Das scheint man abzüglich im Quirinal zu überlegen, wie das andere, daß mit demselben Recht, mit dem Italien jetzt auf die Frage der nationalen Zugehörigkeit der Bevölkerung Triests und Gradiscas, früher oder später der russische Kaiser seine Rechte noch leichter ausbreiten mag, und mit größerem Recht als jetzt!

Man sieht aus allem klar und deutlich, daß Italiens Forderungen alle miteinander genau so an den Gaaren Fortsetzungen sind wie der Grund, der England vor die Augen zum Eintritt in die Kriegsbereitschaft. Nur daß Italien noch das Obium des Zerbruchs und Zerfalls an seinen Bundesgenossen auf sich läßt.

Seute noch jubelt Italien angeblich: "Lang lebe der König!" Morgen vielleicht schon mag es für ihn nur noch ein "König sein" für sich und seinen Herrscher sein. Gerade für das Land heißt. Denn ohne Zweifel haben die Zentralmächte von vornherein mit Italien als einem unheimlichen Skandalien gerechnet und ihre Generalabstimmung in diesem Sinne ausgearbeitet.

Der neue Kriegsplan. Wie in den Starbathen, wird man sich an der Verwirklichung dieser Absichten um den Weg der Stelle und Zäler fällen. Österreichs geographische Vorteile sind so übermäßig der Natur, daß man sich über den Mut der Italiener, trotz der eben den Krieg zu erklären, wundern muß. Man muß daher annehmen, daß Italien, wie es Frankreich und England getan, die russische Dienstleistung immerzu hoch einschätzt und falsch gerechnet hat.

Die Lage Österreichs ist jedoch deshalb leichter, weil es auf dem größeren Teile seiner Grenze nur von den Bergen zu zeigen braucht, um in die italienischen Ebenen zu dringen, wozogen die Italiener sich durch die engen Pässe beschließen und einen Weg über die furchtbaren Berge erzwingen müssen, um auf feindliches Gebiet zu gelangen. Bis zu den Ufern der Donau und den Grenzen Ungarns ziehen sich die Gebirge, und moderne Festungsbauten machen den "Wald" nach Wien noch fester.

Sie fünfzig Jahre kommen für Italien unangenehm, das Ziel der Pella, in "Trentino, das Ziel der Pella, in der Gienobahnlinie Novara, Lodi und der schmale Streifen Italiens zwischen Goro und dem Adriatischen Meer in Betracht. Wegen dieses Streifen dürfen die Italiener den ersten Stoß führen. In den Ufern des Goro liegt ein aus erstes Hindernis die der Stadt Goro vorgeragte Stellung Oradiv in Wege. Diese Stellung und die befestigten Häuser führen den schmalen Streifen gemindert.

Der See ist die Lage Österreichs weniger günstig, da die italienische Flotte befähigt ist, als die österreichische Flotte. Dafür liegen aber die wichtigsten österreichischen Häfen wie Pola und Triest hinter einer schützenden Inselkette, während die italienischen Häfen Angriffen von der See ausgesetzt sind. Wie in der Nordsee, sind auch im Adriatischen Meer keine großen Schlachten zu erwarten. Der Krieg und Kampfbootkrieg wird auch hier in Zukunft treten.

Deutschlands Verlangen unterliegt. Washington. Die Umföhmigung, daß die vier Staaten auch fernrechtlich sich weigern, die britische "Order in Council" betreffs Abschaffung von Ladungen amerikanischer Schiffe anzuerkennen, hat die Aufmerksamkeit gegenwärtig der Reichsregierung in London, in der Stellung, widerspricht die Aufhebungslage der Befugnisse des Londoner Vierwärtigen Rates, monad die britische Regierung sich der britischen Stellungnahme füge, nämlich daß England das Recht habe, neutrale Schiffadungen die nicht neutral sind, zu konfiszieren. Das ist lange es nur für dieselben habe.

Amerika erklärt nun, daß gerade das Gegenteil der Fall sei und wenn es daran läge, so wird an Großbritannien das Verlangen gestellt werden, sich jeder Konfiszierung betreffs "Order in Council" zu enthalten. Dies stimmt mit den Wünschen Deutschlands überein und mag zu gewissen Befriedigungen des Reichsbootkrieges führen.

Es ist also recht bedauerlich für die inoffiziell-amerikanische Presse, daß auch nicht ein Wort ein herabsetzendes Wort für den Verrat Italiens übrig hat.

Für hundert Millionen Dollars Waffen und Munition hat die Reichsregierung in Romponnie schon den Amerikanern geliefert. Der Verrat ist der Eltern von Völkern.

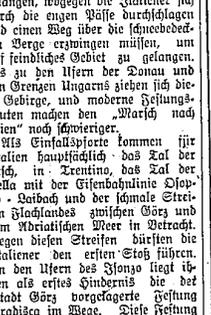
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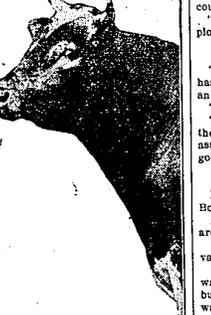
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A farmer's idea of entertainment is to watch a town man milk a cow. Wash day is smile day if you use Red Cross Blue Bull, American made, therefore the best made. Adv.

The Real Thing. "Tilly Toddlers—What is a heroine, may?"

Maw—A heroine, my dear, is any woman that is married. YOUR OWN DRUGGIST WILL TELL YOU How to Buy the Best. Red Cross Blue Bull, American made, therefore the best made. Adv.

Differentiation. Small Boy—You have to be both, don't you, Miss Oligant? Ancient Family Friend—What are you talking about, Willie? Both what? Small Boy—Why, ma says you're no chicken and pa says you're an old hen.

DO NOT MIND PIMPLES

Cuticura Soap and Ointment Will Banish Them. Trial Free. These fragrant supersensory emollients do so much to cleanse, purify and beautify the skin, scalp, hair and hands that you cannot afford to be without them. Besides they meet every want in toilet preparation and are most economical.

Cultivating Reasons. "That man certainly does cultivate country acquaintances." "He has good reasons. He sells plows." Everybody Satisfied. "I see whether another baseball player has been fined for having a row with an umpire."

"Do you sympathize with him?" "Not at all. My observation is that the average player who is fined for assaulting an umpire feels that he got his money's worth."

Boston's Advantage. Mrs. Gotham—But "your streets in Boston are so crooked." Mrs. Hubbard—And yours in New York are so straight. "But aren't straight streets an advantage?"

"Why, no. Now in Boston one can walk and walk and get some place, but in New York you can walk and walk and get nowhere."

More Words Followed. "I'm a woman of my word," said Mrs. Prebenson, with an air of finality. "Indeed you are, my dear," said Mr. Prebenson.

"When I go out I don't come home and tell an improbable yarn about where I've been."

"No, my dear," he replied. "I've been to the moon, but that may be due to the fact that I have never had sufficient courage to ask you where you have been."

Poets are born and so, for that matter, are all of the other unusual men. Head Bookkeeper Must Be Reliable. The chief bookkeeper in a large business house in one of our great Western cities speaks of the harm cows and tea did for him:

"My wife and I drank our first cup of Postum a little over two years ago, and we have used it ever since, to the entire exclusion of tea and coffee. It happened in this way: "I had an attack of pneumonia, which left me with dyspepsia, or nervousness of the stomach. My cup of cheer had always been coffee or tea, but I became convinced, after a time, that they aggravated my stomach trouble. I happened to mention the matter to my grocery man and he suggested that I give Postum a trial. "Next day it came, and we liked it so much that we will never change again. I am a well man today and have used no medicine. "My work as chief bookkeeper in our Co's branch house here is of a very conflicting nature. During my first few drinking days I was subject to nervousness and the 'blues' in addition to my sick spells. These have left me since I began using Postum and I can conscientiously recommend it to those whose work conditions tend to long hours of severe mental exertion."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Well-being" in pkgs. Postum comes in two forms: Postum Cereal—the original form—must be well boiled, 15c and 25c-packets. Instant Postum—a soluble powder—dissolves quickly in a cup of hot water, and, with cream and sugar, makes a delicious beverage instantly. 35c and 50c tins. Both kinds are equally delicious and cost about the same per cup. "There's a Reason" for Postum. —sold by Grocers.

ITEMS OF STATE INTEREST

John F. Smith, of Flint, was struck by a Grand Truck Flyer Monday night and instantly killed. He was working on the track at the time. He was 30 years old and a bicyclist. "Malcolm Cameron, 45, of Grant township, was killed when his motor car turned turtle at Popple, six miles west of Bad Ax Thursday night. He was returning from Harbor Beach with a new auto and lost control of the machine while going down a hill. His neck was broken.

TELEGRAPHIC FLASHES

London.—The British battleship Mistletoe, another of the new battleships designed by Captain A. W. Gray, was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine Thursday morning. Nearly all the officers and crew were saved. Chicago.—Out of an estate valued at more than \$1,000,000, the former Princess De Chinsky, who was Clara Ward, of Detroit, is bequeathed only \$1,000. The will was learned by Mrs. Catherine L. Ward-Morrow, of London.