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AMERICANS BELIEVE WAR IS INEVITABLE

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WAR BETWEEN GERMANY AND STATES BELIEVED INEVITABLE

BERLIN REPLY EXPECTED TODAY—MAY BE DECLARATION OF WAR—AMERICA IS PREPARING FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION—EFFORTS CONCENTRATED ON INCREASE IN NAVY

(Special to The Daily News.)
Washington, Feb. 7.—Germany's answer to Wilson's note breaking off diplomatic relations is expected within twenty-four hours. It may be a declaration of war. The belief is rapidly crystallizing among officials here that war with Germany is inevitable. This belief has been strengthened by the receipt from Berlin of a press despatch quoting Foreign Minister Zimmerman as saying, "There is no step backward contemplated by Germany following President Wilson's action."

America Prepares.
The work of preparing for eventualities is being pushed forward today. The greatest effort is being centred on the navy, the most important measure being the passing of the bill to supply funds for an increased navy made imperative in the emergency. So completely and quickly is the work proceeding that, if the United States is called upon to strike, she can do so immediately and forcibly. A policy of complete secrecy is being followed by the government departments and the President has discontinued his daily conference with newspapermen owing to the delicate situation.

Bernstorff Leaving.
Von Bernstorff will sail for Europe next week and preparations are now under way to congregate the German consuls at New York. Ambassador Gerard left Berlin for home today and all Americans in Germany are advised to leave at once.

Other Neutrals.
The other neutrals are expected to make a response to Wilson's action today. Should they follow the lead of the United States, it is probable that there will be a conference of all of them to discuss the part each is to play in bringing pressure to bear upon Germany to have her relax her methods of sea warfare.

RED CROSS SOCIETY GETS KNITTING MACHINE

F. H. Mobley, M. P. P., has kindly donated a knitting machine to the Red Cross Society. Sox are urgently needed and, with two machines, the society hopes that a large supply will be forthcoming immediately. Miss Rudland, of Port Simpson, with Mrs. W. T. Kergin, will be at the Red Cross rooms on Thursday morning to explain the working of the machine. All ladies are invited to attend and to make arrangements to spend some of their spare time in this splendid work.

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CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT NOTICE

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cuss the part each is to play in bringing pressure to bear upon Germany to have her relax her methods of sea warfare.

Appropriations.
The House of Representatives agrees to an appropriation of millions for the purchase of guns, aeroplanes and munitions.

The Marconi Company of America, in the event of an emergency, will place its entire organization at the disposal of the government.

Congress, over-riding the President's veto, has enacted into law the immigration bill, with the long-fought illiteracy provision. Protests from Japan are expected over the passing of this legislation.

THIRTEEN VESSELS SUNK YESTERDAY

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Feb. 7.—Thirteen vessels were sunk in the war zone yesterday. Six of these were British, five Norwegian, one Russian and one Spanish. The British steamer Port Adelaide, one of the vessels sunk, was an 8,000 ton liner. Ninety-six of her passengers and crew were saved. The captain was taken prisoner by the submarine crew.

HYPHENATES ARE PRAYING FOR PEACE

(Special to The Daily News.)

Seattle, Feb. 7.—Forty Germans and Austrians applied for citizenship yesterday. The Irish Society opposes the entrance of the United States into the war. The hyphenates are praying for peace.

The crew of the interned Hamburg-American liner Saxonia have been placed under arrest. They tried to wreck the engines of the vessel yesterday.

MAY SEIZE PLANTS

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, Feb. 7.—In the event of war, it is believed that the President will have a free hand in seizing shipping and ammunition plants. Considerable ammunition is being moved from the navy yards at Norfolk to northern ports.

RED CROSS SALE

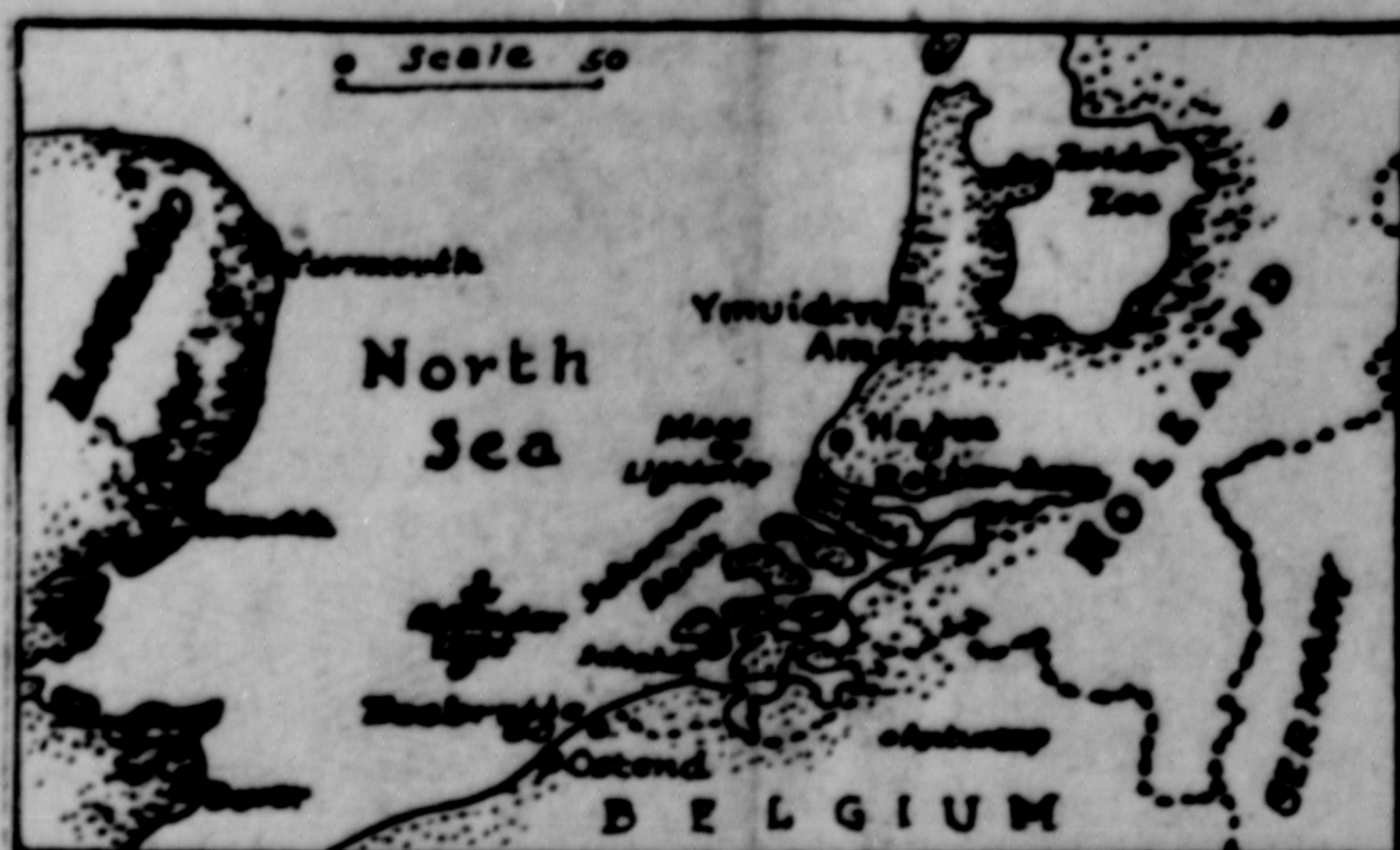
The Red Cross sale on Friday will be in charge of Mrs. Allison and Mrs. J. H. Kelly. Mrs. Kelly will display the splendid collection of war curios which she has received from Europe. They are well worth seeing, both as curios and works of art. Ladies are reminded that a large supply of home cooking can be disposed of at these sales and that the demand for supplies for Red Cross work is insistent.

TRAINS RELEASED

Cheyenne, Feb. 7.—Fifty trains on the Union Pacific road were released today after having been snow-bound since January 31st.

Cold in Berlin.

Berlin, Feb. 7.—It is 17 degrees below zero here and the whole country is in the grip of a severe cold wave. There are no engagements of importance on any of the fronts.



Where the British Torpedo Boat Fleet put the German Fleet of Fourteen Destroyers to Flight.—Dutch reports of this engagement gave as many as seven German destroyers or auxiliaries sunk, while one other was towed to a Dutch port with a pile of dead on her deck. Germany claims that she lost no ships and had only one damaged.

MERCHANTS TO FIGHT GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC

There were about fifty business men of the city at the meeting of the Retail Merchants' Association last evening in the city hall. O. J. Smith, president, occupied the chair.

Ald. McRae read a letter which, in conjunction with R. A. Grant, he had been instructed to send to E. J. Chamberlin, president of the Grand Trunk Pacific, in regard to the making of Prince Rupert the headquarters for the G. T. P. steamers and in connection with the lack of action in regard to the drydock. The letter pointed out that the interests of the merchants of Prince Rupert and the company are mutual and that the more support the merchants give to the G. T. P. and the more support the company gives to the city, the better for all. It went on to show that, to date, it had been a one-sided arrangement, the company getting all the encouragement and the merchants none, or little. It pointed out that the late Charles M. Hays said that the G. T. P. would be to Prince Rupert what the C. P. R. had been to Vancouver. Hopes had been based on this statement, which had not been realized. It pointed out that competing lines of steamers got a large share of the business here, which they would not get were the G. T. P. to make this their headquarters.

Mr. Chamberlin replied that, so far, it had not been found practicable to make this the shipping headquarters, though it had received careful consideration. He understood that the company purchased a fair share of its supplies at Prince Rupert and would continue to do so. Referring to the drydock, he said that it had been necessary to repair the Prince Rupert in the south as the necessary steel plates were there. He said that arrangements were under way to have their boats overhauled here, when such a course is practicable.

Ald. McMeekin congratulated the committee of two upon the manner in which they had presented the matter. He thought that the answer of Mr. Chamberlin was fair in every particular. J. C. Gavigan said that he was not satisfied with the reply in regard to the making of this port the headquarters for the steamers of the company, and it was a question whether the company would ever make the change. He thought they should force them to make it, as the time for pleading was past.

Mr. Hoffman said that under the circumstances nothing could be done. He moved the adoption of the report. This was seconded by Ald. McMeekin.

Ald. McRae said that the company had had a great deal to contend with; were not able to pay operating expenses, and had to

TEN THOUSAND HAVE RETURNED FROM EUROPE

Ottawa, Feb. 7.—Sir Robert Borden announces that ten thousand Canadian soldiers are back from Europe. Much time is being devoted to considering their welfare. It is believed that many British soldiers may come to Canada after the war and legislation dealing with land settlement is being introduced.

get \$8,000,000 from the Dominion government, while the C. N. R. at the same time got \$15,000,000. He thought that by bringing their steamer headquarters here, the company would help the city so much that the citizens would respond and the result would be mutual gain. Regarding the drydock, he believed that the first essential was to start shipbuilding.

J. Jabour thought that action should be taken along the line adopted by the Board of Trade.

R. A. Grant pointed out that Mr. Pillsbury had gone to Winnipeg to make arrangements for the drydock and he thought the matter should be held over until his return.

E. V. Ling thought it would be impossible to have this the shipping headquarters until the drydock was active. He thought the one would follow the other automatically.

Ald. McMeekin suggested that a committee be appointed to take up the drydock question with the Dominion government.

Ald. McRae, seconded by R. A. Grant, moved that action be suspended until Mr. Pillsbury returned.

J. C. Gavigan moved an amendment that the association take action to force the G. T. P. to start something here. This was seconded by J. Jabour. Mr. Jabour said that the G. T. P. put the drydock question up to the government and the government threw it back on the G. T. P.

A. T. Parkin pointed out that the G. T. P. had no say as to where the John was to be repaired as the repairing of a damaged vessel was entirely up to Lloyd's, who called for tenders.

W. P. Lynch said that the making of Vancouver the steamer headquarters and the purchasing of supplies there only went to make business for the C. P. R. He said that Mr. Chamberlin did not say why it was impracticable to make the headquarters here. He pointed out that 75 per cent of the G. T. P. steamer purchases in Vancouver were of goods brought west over the C. P. R., which could be landed here at the same price. On the other 25 per cent, the G. T. P. would get the freight north, so that they would be nothing out of pocket in the deal, and would be the gainers in increased support. He said "If it is the disposition of the G. T. P. (Continued on Page four.)"

HOLLAND FEARS INVASION AND NOW FACES STARVATION

GERMAN TROOPS MASED ON DUTCH BORDER—GRAIN SUPPLY FOR TWO WEEKS ONLY—SPAIN MAY BE NEXT TO TAKE ACTION—TENSION INCREASED OVER SAILOR'S MURDER

(Special to The Daily News.)
Amsterdam, Feb. 7.—Anxiety concerning Holland's future is more keen today than at any period since the outbreak of the war. Several factors contribute to the gravity of the situation. Holland is now facing starvation, as she has never been able to produce more in a year than she would consume in four months and a half. The existing stocks of grain are sufficient to last only two weeks.

The opinion in official circles here is that German concessions regarding a protected zone will be a mere mockery if the United States enter the war. The massing of German troops on the Dutch border is causing considerable uneasiness and there is a

BRITISH AVIATORS BOMB ZEEBRUGGE

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Feb. 7.—Hostile raids on the Somme have been beaten off. Three enemy aeroplanes were destroyed and six brought down in a damaged condition. British aviators dropped bombs on Zeebrugge, doing damage to German torpedo boats in the harbor and setting fire to buildings and the sheds of the docks.

Mesopotamia.
British forces are now firmly established on the Tigris and their artillery now controls at short range the mouth of the Hai River near Kut-el-Amara.

GERMANY PERMITS BELGIAN RELIEF WORK

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Feb. 7.—Germany has promised not to halt the work of the Belgian Relief Commission. American representatives on the commission are to be allowed to remain in Belgium unless the United States declares war. Many relief ships are now at sea and are in danger of destruction.

AUSTRALIA DETERMINED

(Special to The Daily News.)

Melbourne, Feb. 7.—Premier Hughes, in a speech in the House yesterday, said that Australia is determined to fight to the end.

ODDFELLOWS DANCE

The Oddfellows held a most enjoyable whist drive and dance in the K. of P. Hall last evening, there being seventy-five couples present. The prize-winners were, Mrs. C. W. Embleton and Mr. J. E. Toomire, first, and Mrs. B. F. Self and Mr. A. Enochson, consolation prizes. The ladies' first prize was kindly donated by Mrs. S. V. Cox. When the card tables had been cleared away, dancing was begun and was kept up until an early hour this morning. The music was provided by the Westholme orchestra and all present enjoyed every minute of it.

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fear that, in desperation, Germany man treat Holland as she did Belgium.

Spain May Act.

London, Feb. 7.—Spain will probably be the first of the neutral nations to follow the action of the States in severing relations with Germany. The government has despatched a strong protest to Berlin against Germany's unlimited submarine warfare and may take the same course as the United States in the matter.

Tension Increased.

Ambassador Page is gathering full details regarding the killing of an American sailor on the British freighter *Evestone*, which was shelled by a German submarine. Tension has greatly increased as a result of the incident.

Premier Lloyd George says that Germany is facing certain defeat, and that this fact is behind the studied savagery of the Huns.

Prominent American citizens in London urge the United States to take quick action.

All sailings from Norway to the United States have been temporarily suspended.

Swiss Action.

Berne, Feb. 7.—It is semi-officially announced that Switzerland has framed a reply to the Wilson note and has declined to depart from a line of strict neutrality.

MRS. GODENRATH GIVES INTERESTING LECTURE

The Presbyterian Hall was packed yesterday afternoon to hear Mrs. Godenrath deliver a lecture on her experiences at the front. The lecturer was introduced by Mrs. Du Vernet. Going over the ground covered in her recent lecture in the court house, Mrs. Godenrath had her audience keenly interested from start to finish. Her graphic description of the various phases of life at the front was one of the finest things ever listened to in the city. At the close, the lecturer made a special appeal for the Blue Cross Fund, in aid of the horses and dogs which are so invaluable to the men at the front and which are often wounded. The sum of \$42 was realized. Mrs. Godenrath was heartily thanked for her interesting lecture.

THE CRADLE

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Orme, a son, at the General Hospital this morning.

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