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A2453	The German Ambassador to the Secretary of State.	Nov. 21	Protests against internment of German steamship <i>Locksun</i> , and compares her status with that of the tug <i>Dalzell</i> which he says carried supplies to the British ship <i>Essex</i> .	248
	The Acting Secretary of State to the German Ambassador.	Nov. 27	Says Department considers officers and orderlies part of the complement of H. M. S. <i>Geier</i> and cannot release them as requested.	249
	The Secretary of State to the German Ambassador.	Dec. 11	Says Department must adhere to its decision regarding <i>Locksun</i> . Says if Embassy has evidence that the tug <i>Dalzell</i> supplied British ship <i>Essex</i> Department would be glad to receive it.	250

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Questions Relating to Neutrality—Correspondence between the Secretary of State and the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

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	The Secretary of State to Ambassador Page (telegram).	Nov. 25	Same as above.	268
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	The Secretary of State to Ambassador Page (telegram).	Aug. 15	Says Western Union Telegraph Co., protests against cable censorship and instructs him to endeavor to secure modifications of restrictions.	270
	The Secretary of State to Ambassador Page (telegram).	Aug. 22	Instructs Embassy to make representations to Foreign Office looking to removal of embargo on cable repetitions and corrections.	271
419	Ambassador Page to the Secretary of State (telegram).	Aug. 24	Transmits note from British Foreign Office on subject of messages passing over Atlantic cables.	271
	Ambassador Page to the Secretary of State (telegram).	Aug. 27	Asks that all foreign missions be advised that British censor regulations allow only diplomatic messages to go in cipher.	272

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	Executive Order.	Sept. 5	Relates to the taking over by the United States of high powered radio stations.	273
450	Ambassador Page to the Secretary of State.	Sept. 16	Transmits reply of Foreign Office to protest against British censorship of cable messages.	274
	Ambassador Page to the Secretary of State (telegram).	Sept. 19	Says Foreign Office states that instructions have been given to interfere as little as possible with cable communication.	275
330	The British Ambassador to the Secretary of State.	Sept. 24	Says British Foreign Office has sent memorandum to Ambassador Page regarding censorship of cables.	275
	The Acting Secretary of State to Ambassador Page (telegram).	Sept. 26	Instructed to inform British Foreign Office that Department deems it very desirable that suppression of harmless commercial messages be stopped.	276
	The Secretary of State to Ambassador Page (telegram).	Oct. 1	Asks as to regulations regarding cable address and signature on telegrams to London and beyond.	276
	Ambassador Page to the Secretary of State (telegram).	Oct. 2	Replies to above, and says no change in regulations.	276
	Ambassador Page to the Secretary of State (telegram).	Oct. 5	Says Sir Edward Grey has taken up matter of cable censorship with Chief Censor.	276
	Ambassador Page to the Secretary of State (telegram).	Oct. 13	Reports relative to effort of British Foreign Office to discontinue suppression of commercial cables.	277

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524	Ambassador Page to the Secretary of State (telegram).	Oct. 23	Transmits note from Foreign Office giving reasons for holding up telegrams from American commander at Tientsin.	278
	Ambassador Page to the Secretary of State (telegram).	Oct. 30	Says Foreign Office states that senders as a rule are not advised of stoppage of messages.	279
	Minister Stovall to the Secretary of State (telegram).	Nov. 5	Reports relative to protest of Swiss bankers against stoppage of telegrams to United States concerning money transfers and grain.	279
	The Acting Secretary of State to Minister Stovall (telegram).	Nov. 6	Refers to above, and says matter should be taken up by Swiss Ministers at London and Paris.	279
	Ambassador Page to the Secretary of State (telegram).	Nov. 9	Reports protest of American Trade Agency at Rome against interference with cable communications.	280
	The Secretary of State to Ambassador Page (telegram).	Nov. 10	Refers to above, and says Department has received few complaints recently.	280
	Minister Stovall to the Secretary of State (telegram).	Nov. 10	Transmits communication from Swiss Government protesting against censorship of telegram from Switzerland to United States.	280
	The Secretary of State to Ambassador Page (telegram).	Nov. 12	Instructs Embassy to present to Foreign Office protest of Danish firms against censorship with view to amelioration.	282

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	Memorandum from the Legation of Switzerland.	Nov. 12	Transmits telegram from President of Swiss Confederation protesting against censorship of commercial telegrams.	282
	Memorandum to the Legation of Switzerland.	Nov. 20	Says American Ambassadors at London and Paris have been instructed to confer with Swiss Ministers regarding cable censorship.	283
	The Acting Secretary of State to Ambassador Page (telegram).	Nov. 20	Instructs Embassy to inform Foreign Office that protests against censorship increase daily and to urge amendment of regulations.	283
	The Acting Secretary of State to Ambassador Herrick (telegram).	Nov. 20	Same, mutatis mutandis, as above.	283
	The Acting Secretary of State to Minister Stovall.	Nov. 20	Informs him of above action.	284
	Ambassador Herrick to the Secretary of State.	Nov. 22	Reports regarding French cable regulations.	285
	Ambassador Page to the Secretary of State (telegram).	Nov. 25	Says he has made joint protest with Swiss Minister to Foreign Office regarding cable censorship.	285
	Ambassador Page to the Secretary of State (telegram).	Nov. 27	Reports continued complaints from American commercial companies regarding cable censorship.	286
	Ambassador Willard to the Secretary of State (telegram).	Nov. 27	Says Consul General at Barcelona reports serious interference with cotton shipments on account of British cable censorship.	286
	The Secretary of State to Ambassador Page (telegram).	Dec. 1	Says Embassy at London has been instructed to take up matter of cable censorship with British Foreign Office.	286

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	The Secretary of State to Ambassador Page (telegram).	Dec. 2	Says Embassy at London has been instructed to take up matter of interference with cables regarding cotton shipments to Spain.	288
	Ambassador Page to the Secretary of State (telegram).	Dec. 2	Says Foreign Office states that investigation will be made of all specific complaints of stopped telegrams.	288
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	The Secretary of State to Ambassador Page (telegram).	Dec. 4	Instructs Embassy to coöperate with Italian colleagues in matter of cable censorship.	290
	Ambassador Gerard to the Secretary of State (telegram).	Dec. 4	Says German Government asks that United States take steps to secure unhampered transmission of cotton messages.	290
	The Secretary of State to Ambassador Sharp (telegram).	Dec. 7	Instructs Embassy to take up with Foreign Office matter of complaints as to delayed cable messages reported by Embassy at Rome.	290
	Ambassador Page to the Secretary of State (telegram).	Dec. 7	Says Sir Edward Grey will arrange conference to discuss with Chief Censor matter of cable censorship.	291

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		1914.		
	The Secretary of State to Ambassador Page (telegram).	Dec. 11	Refers to complaints of New Orleans Cotton Exchange against action of British and French censors, and says Exchange recommends use of cotton codes.	291
	The Secretary of State to Ambassador Page.	Dec. 11	Refers to above, and says Department hopes that representations to Foreign Office will result in granting relief.	292
	Ambassador Page to the Secretary of State (telegram).	Dec. 11	Reports a conference which he had with the British Minister for Foreign Affairs and the head censor regarding complaints against censorship of commercial cables.	292
	Ambassador Page to the Secretary of State (telegram).	Dec. 14	Reports that American trade in Italy is suffering on account of cable censorship. Says Italian Government asks United States cooperation.	293
	The Secretary of State to Ambassador Page (telegram).	Dec. 15	Instructs Embassy to call again to attention of Foreign Office action of censors in holding up commercial cables.	294
	Ambassador Page to the Secretary of State (telegram).	Dec. 17	Says British Government approves use of Meyers cotton code.	294
	Ambassador Page to the Secretary of State (telegram).	Dec. 17	Says he has taken up matter of cable censorship with Danish and Swiss Ministers and Spanish and Italian Ambassadors.	295
1291	Ambassador Page to the Secretary of State (telegram).	Dec. 18	Transmits memorandum from British Foreign Office regarding use of codes in foreign telegrams.	295
	The British Ambassador to the Secretary of State.	Dec. 21	Advises Department regarding an arrangement for the passing of commercial cables.	296

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		1914.		
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	The Secretary of State to Ambassador Page (telegram).	Dec. 22	Inform Foreign Office that Barcelona and Philippine firms protest against censorship of telegrams. Urge action.	297
	Ambassador Page to the Secretary of State (telegram).	Dec. 29	Says telegram from American Minister at Peking to Consul General at Hongkong was stopped because it was in cipher.	297
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	The Acting Secretary of State to Minister Reinsch (telegram).	Jan. 2	Informs him of above. Says British regulations provide that only messages between diplomatic missions and Government at Washington may go in cipher.	298
	Ambassador Page to the Secretary of State (telegram).	Jan. 4	Says British Government requests that message stopped by censor in Florida be released and forwarded.	298
	The Secretary of State to Ambassador Page (telegram).	Jan. 5	Refers to above. Says message is partly in code. If put in plain language will be forwarded.	299
	Ambassador Page to the Secretary of State (telegram).	Jan. 8	Says stopping of cables continues. Advises that telegraphic companies exclude all technical words.	299
	The Secretary of State to Ambassador Page (telegram).	Jan. 12	Inform Foreign Office that Department insists that notification be given of stopped messages.	299
	Ambassador Sharp to the Secretary of State (telegram).	Jan. 16	Gives names of codes allowed for messages over French cable lines.	300

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		1915.		
	The Secretary of State to Ambassador Willard (telegram).	Jan. 16	Instructs Embassy to investigate and protest to Foreign Office if Spanish censors are interfering with messages between United States and Spain.	300
	Ambassador Sharp to the Secretary of State (telegram).	Jan. 23	Reports that French Foreign Office has given instructions for the passing of commercial cables with least possible delay.	301
	The Secretary of State to Ambassador Page (telegram).	Jan. 25	Informs Embassy of above action, and says if it seems desirable, to urge British Government to take similar steps.	301
	Ambassador Page to the Secretary of State (telegram).	Jan. 28	Reports British regulations regarding use of Meyers Atlantic Cotton Code.	302
	Ambassador Page to the Secretary of State (telegram).	Feb. 3	Transmits report of British censor giving average number of telegrams stopped in three days.	302
584	The Secretary of State to Ambassador Page.	Feb. 3	Instructs Embassy to seek an arrangement whereby telegrams passing through French territory shall not be interfered with by British authorities.	302
	The Secretary of State to Ambassador Page (telegram).	Feb. 10	Instructs Embassy to take up with Foreign Office matter of allowing code messages to South American countries and to urge early action.	303
	Consul General Thackara to the Secretary of State.	Feb. 12	Transmits French code regulations.	303
904	Ambassador Page to the Secretary of State.	Feb. 15	Says Foreign Office reports that out of 60 or 70 telegrams from United States in November and December only 3 were stopped.	305

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		1915.		
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	Memorandum from the British Embassy.	Feb. 19	Advises Department of report of British Government relative to alleged interference with commercial cablegrams by British censors.	305
	Ambassador Page to the Secretary of State (telegram).	Feb. 24	Says Foreign Office states that instructions were given to pass telegrams to South American countries without censoring, and there must be a mistake about alleged stoppage.	306
1028	Ambassador Page to the Secretary of State.	Mar. 10	Transmits memorandum from British Foreign Office concerning certain commercial telegrams sent through Department of State considered detrimental to British interests.	307
	The Secretary of State to Ambassador Page (telegram).	Mar. 16	Advises Embassy as to form of reply which Department will send to requests for official transmission of private cables.	307
1105	Ambassador Page to the Secretary of State.	Mar. 24	Transmits note from Foreign Office regarding Western Union Co.'s protest against British censorship.	308
345	Ambassador Sharp to the Secretary of State.	Mar. 24	Says French Government considers use of one cotton code quite sufficient.	308
	Ambassador Page to the Secretary of State (telegram).	Mar. 26	Transmits British Foreign Office memorandum on subject of cablegram censorship.	310

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		1915.		
956	The Secretary of State to Ambassador Page.	May 6	Instructs Embassy to present all stopped messages to Foreign Office and ask to be given reason for stoppage.	311
	The Secretary of State to Ambassador Page (telegram).	May 13	Instructs Embassy to bring matter of delayed South American cable to attention of Foreign Office and urge action.	312
	Ambassador Page to the Secretary of State (telegram).	May 27	Says Foreign Office has instructed censors to pass telegrams to South American countries and thinks there will be no further trouble.	312
	Ambassador Page to the Secretary of State (telegram).	June 3	Says reported delayed message to South America cannot be traced. Advises use of cable route which does not touch Great Britain or her possessions.	313

PART XIV.

Belgian Relief.

		1914.		
	The Secretary of State to Ambassador Gerard (telegram).	Oct. 7	Instructed to obtain from German Government definite assurance regarding work of Belgian relief committee.	314
	Minister Whitlock to the Secretary of State (telegram).	Oct. 16	Reports regarding plan for supplying food to the poor of Brussels and asks Department's approval.	314
	The Acting Secretary of State to Ambassador Page (telegram).	Oct. 19	Says German Government approves plan of Belgian relief committee. Instructs Embassy to proceed on lines of October 6.	315

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		1914.		
	The Acting Secretary of State to Minister Whitlock (telegram).	Oct. 19	Says German Government approves plan to import foodstuffs for Belgium and Embassy at London has been advised.	316
	The Acting Secretary of State to Minister Whitlock (telegram).	Oct. 20	Says Department approves action reported in telegram of October 16.	316
	Ambassador Page to the Secretary of State (telegram).	Oct. 26	Says Embassy has assurance of German commander that foodstuffs sent by Commission will not be confiscated.	316
	The Acting Secretary of State to Ambassador Herrick (telegram).	Oct. 31	Instructed to ascertain if France will object to transit of foodstuffs shipped by Relief Commission to Belgium.	317
	The Acting Secretary of State to Ambassador Gerard (telegram).	Nov. 7	Instructed to ascertain if Germany will permit shipment of food from United States to Holland for Belgium and whether there is an embargo on second-hand clothing.	317
	Ambassador Herrick to the Secretary of State (telegram).	Nov. 11	Says French Government does not object to transit of foodstuffs through Netherlands to Belgium.	318
	The Acting Secretary of State to Ambassador Gerard (telegram).	Nov. 20	Instructed to obtain safe passage of British and neutral ships with supplies for Belgium and permission for American automobiles to distribute food.	318
	Ambassador Gerard to the Secretary of State (telegram).	Nov. 23	Says German Government will not interfere with neutral ships carrying food for Belgium, but unneutral ships must have proper certificate indorsed by German Ambassador at Washington.	318

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		1914.		
1154	The Secretary of State to the German Ambassador.	Dec. 1	Advises him as to above, and asks if Embassy concurs in proposal.	319
10078	The German Ambassador to the Secretary of State.	Dec. 4	Replies to above, and says proposal meets with his approval.	320
J No. 10106	The German Ambassador to the Secretary of State.	Dec. 5	Says he has instructed German Consul to issue certificates for safe conduct to unneutral ships carrying food for Belgium.	320
	Consul General Skinner to the Secretary of State (telegram).	Dec. 8	Says Belgium Relief Commission asks if United States will furnish naval ships for carrying supplies.	320
	The Secretary of State to Consul General Skinner.	Dec. 10	Says Navy Department states that there are not suitable ships available for use of Belgian Relief Commission.	321
	Ambassador Gerard to the Secretary of State (telegram).	Dec. 11	Says passes have been issued by German authorities to American automobiles used to distribute food.	321
	Memorandum to the German Embassy.	Dec. 18	Extends expressions of appreciation of Belgian Relief Commission for safe conduct of ships.	321
	Ambassador Page to the Secretary of State (telegram).	Dec. 28	Says reports should be sent to British Ambassador regarding all Belgian relief ships.	322
376	Ambassador Gerard to the Secretary of State.	Dec. 28	Transmits note from German Foreign Office relative to wording of certificates for unneutral ships carrying food for Belgians.	323
184	Minister Van Dyke to the Secretary of State (telegram).	Dec. 29	Says foodstuffs for Limburg taxed by German commander.	323

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		1915.		
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399	Ambassador Gerard to the Secretary of State.	Jan. 2	Transmits note from Foreign Office stating that foodstuffs for Belgian relief will not be requisitioned.	324
187	Minister Van Dyke to the Secretary of State.	Jan. 4	Says tax imposed on flour at Limburg removed and taxes collected refunded.	326
	The Secretary of State to Ambassador Gerard (telegram).	Jan. 13	Instructed to ascertain from German Foreign Office if commander at Limburg is exacting tax on foodstuffs.	326
	Ambassador Gerard to the Secretary of State (telegram).	Jan. 17	Says Minister Van Dyke reports removal of tax at Limburg and that investigation will be dropped.	327
74	The Secretary of State to Minister Van Dyke (telegram).	Jan. 21	Instructed to report regarding removal of tax on foodstuffs at Limburg.	327
	The Secretary of State to Minister Van Dyke (telegram).	Jan. 21	Instructed to confirm report from Berlin relative to removal of tax on foodstuffs at Limburg.	327
195	Minister Van Dyke to the Secretary of State.	Jan. 22	Reports regarding removal of tax on foodstuffs at Limburg.	328
196	Minister Van Dyke to the Secretary of State.	Jan. 22	Says Netherlands Government has given Commission for Relief in Belgium free use of railways, postal and telegraphic service, and exemption from duty of automobiles.	329
34	Minister Whitlock to the Secretary of State.	Jan. 26	Transmits copy of note from German authorities at Brussels regarding exemption of foodstuffs from requisition.	330

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		1915.		
45	Minister Whitlock to the Secretary of State.	Jan. 28	Reports satisfactory adjustment of matter of customs duties on foodstuffs for Belgium.	330
46	Minister Whitlock to the Secretary of State.	Jan. 28	Refers to the above, and says city of Antwerp also included.	330
47	Minister Whitlock to the Secretary of State.	Jan. 28	Says German authorities state that cattle and their food also exempt from military requisition.	331
	The German Ambassador to the Secretary of State (telegram).	Jan. 28	Says German Government state that foodstuffs from United States to Belgium will not be used for military or naval purposes.	331
53	Minister Whitlock to the Secretary of State.	Feb. 3	Says German authorities at Maubeuge will not requisition foodstuffs for Belgian relief.	332
	Ambassador Sharp to the Secretary of State (telegram).	Feb. 10	Says French Government has no objection to shipment of Argentine maize to Rotterdam for relief of Belgians and French in territory controlled by Germany.	332
	The Secretary of State to Minister Whitlock.	Feb. 18	Says Belgian Relief Commission, Committee of Mercy, etc., advised of exemption of cattle and their food from military requisition.	332
55	The Secretary of State to Minister Whitlock.	Feb. 23	Says information regarding exemption of foodstuffs has been conveyed to Commission for Relief in Belgium, Committee of Mercy, etc.	333
215	Minister Van Dyke to the Secretary of State.	Mar. 3	Transmits memorandum presented by the German Minister at The Hague regarding freedom of ships of Belgian Relief Commission.	333

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		1915.		
	Ambassador Page to the Secretary of State.	Mar. 10	Says Foreign Office states that flag and markings of Belgian Relief Commission will be used only on ships carrying goods of Commission.	335
	Memorandum to the German Embassy.	Mar. 11	Advises him regarding reported British attitude toward Belgian relief work and refers to assurance of British Government relative to Commission's flag and markings.	335
	The Secretary of State to Ambassador Page (telegram).	Apr. 3	Instructed to inform Belgian Relief Commission regarding an attack on one of its vessels by a German aeroplane.	335

PART XV.

Attempt of German Ship Odenwald to Sail Without Clearance Papers.

		1915.		
J. A. 2400	The German Ambassador to the Secretary of State.	Apr. 1	Asks why clearance papers were not given the German steamer <i>Odenwald</i> and complains against the reckless action of the San Juan harbor authorities.	337
	The Secretary of State to the German Ambassador.	May 3	Submits statement of facts regarding the action of the German steamship <i>Odenwald</i> and explains why she was refused clearance papers.	338

PART XVI.

Detention of the American Merchant Ship Seguranca.

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		1915.		
	The Secretary of State to Ambassador Page (telegram).	Apr. 9	Instructs Embassy to inform Foreign Office that the United States, on behalf of owners of steamship <i>Seguranca</i> , objects to detention of vessel.	343
	Ambassador Page to the Secretary of State (telegram).	Apr. 28	Says Foreign Office states that <i>Seguranca</i> has been allowed to proceed, all consignees having agreed to receive goods through Netherlands Oversea Trust.	343
	The Secretary of State to Ambassador Page (telegram).	May 6	Refers to above, and says Department does not object to consignment of American shipments to Netherlands Oversea Trust, but it does object to detention by British Government of non-contraband shipments until reconsigned.	344

PART XVII.

Detention of the American Ship Wico.

		1915.		
	The Secretary of State to Ambassador Page (telegram).	Mar. 20	Instructs Embassy to ask release of American steamship <i>Wico</i> .	345
	The Secretary of State to Minister Morris (telegram).	Mar. 20	Advises him as to above action.	346
	Ambassador Page to the Secretary of State (telegram).	Apr. 8	Says British Foreign Office will release <i>Wico</i> , but question of oil cargoes for Sweden will have to be reconsidered if German seizures continue.	346

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		1915.		
	The Secretary of State to Ambassador Page (telegram).	Apr. 12	Refers to above, and says question of seizures of American cargoes by Germany is matter to be adjusted by United States and Germany.	346
1412	Ambassador Page to the Secretary of State.	May 18	Transmits note from Foreign Office relative to seizure of <i>Wico</i> , and giving views of British Government regarding seizure of neutral vessels.	347
	The British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to Ambassador Page.	May 16	Explains detention of American steamship <i>Wico</i> .	347

PART XVIII.

Internment of the German Ship Prinz Eitel Friedrich.

		1915.		
	The Secretary of State to the German Ambassador.	Mar. 18	Says the <i>Prinz Eitel</i> will be allowed until April 7th to complete repairs and leave territorial waters of the United States.	349
	Memorandum to the British Embassy.	Mar. 29	Says instructions have been given for the <i>Prinz Eitel</i> to observe the rule not to leave port until 24 hours after the departure of an enemy merchant ship.	349
J.2578	The German Ambassador to the Secretary of State.	Apr. 8	Expresses appreciation for courtesies accorded to the <i>Prinz Eitel</i> while at Newport News.	350

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Internment of the German Cruiser Kronprinz Wilhelm.

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J. A. 2681	The German Ambassador to the Secretary of State.	1915. Apr. 12	Asks permission for the German warship <i>Kronprinz Wilhelm</i> to land at the Newport News shipyard for repairs.	351
	The Secretary of State to the Secretary of the Treasury.	Apr. 21	Transmits copy of note to the German Ambassador relative to the request that permission be given to the German warship <i>Kronprinz Wilhelm</i> to undergo repairs at Newport News.	351

PART XX.

Detention of August Piepenbrink.

		1914.		
	The Secretary of State to Vice Consul Bundy (telegram).	Dec. 7	Instructs Consulate to ask release of August Piepenbrink taken from American vessel on high seas by French cruiser.	353
	The Secretary of State to Ambassador Sharp (telegram).	Dec. 7	Instructs Embassy to ask release of August Piepenbrink taken by French cruiser and held at Kingston by British authorities.	353
	The Secretary of State to Ambassador Page.	Dec. 7	Similar instruction as above sent to Embassy at London.	353
		1915.		
	Ambassador Page to the Secretary of State (telegram).	Jan. 4	Says Foreign Office replying to above, says Piepenbrink has not taken out his papers, is legally a German subject, and can not be released.	354

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		1915.		
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	The Secretary of State to Ambassador Sharp (telegram).	Mar. 2	Informs Embassy of above instruction, cites precedents, and directs that Piepenbrink's immediate release be requested.	355
298	Ambassador Sharp to the Secretary of State.	Mar. 12	Reports communication of above to French Foreign Office.	357
1166	Ambassador Page to the Secretary of State.	Apr. 6	Says Foreign Office states that it has been decided to release Piepenbrink as friendly act, while reserving question of principle involved.	359
533	Ambassador Sharp to the Secretary of State.	Apr. 21	Transmits note from French Foreign Office of same tenor as above.	360

PART XXI.

Internment of the German Prize Ship Farn.

		1915.		
18	The British Ambassador to the Secretary of State.	Jan. 13	Says the vessel <i>Farn</i> , captured from the British and flying German flag entered port of San Juan on 12th. Asks investigation and detention of vessel.	361
26	The British Ambassador to the Secretary of State.	Jan. 17	Refers to above and says British Government presume that the United States will instruct authorities at San Juan to act in conformity with Article 21 of Hague Convention.	361

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