

END OF U-BOATS SEEN BY AUGUST

Submarine Menace Will Disappear, Declare U. S. Navy Men

CAPELLE IS REFUTED

Allies' Shipbuilding Program Sure to Outstrip Possible Sinkings

Washington, April 20.—Germany's submarine menace will be wiped out by August, and perhaps by June, according to predictions made by navy officers commenting on the boast of Vice Admiral von Capelle that U-boat construction is exceeding losses.

At both the shipping board and War Department there was no hesitancy in indicating that America is already maintaining a vast number of men in France and has right now in the transport service more than 2,000,000 tons deadweight of shipping in service, all of it under the American flag.

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CHESTER TROLLEY CO. DENIES POOR SERVICE

Asserts Improvement Impossible With Shortage of Cars and Lack of Help

Chester, Pa., April 20.—The Southern Pennsylvania Traction Company has made public its reply to the complaint lodged with the Public Service Commission by City Solicitor Cochran charging the corporation with inefficiency and failure to fulfill the provisions of its franchise.

The company denies many of the allegations, but asserts that it is impossible to cope with the situation here on account of the number of cars out of repair and lack of a sufficient number of efficient conductors, motormen and other employees.

The traction company admits an increase in population of approximately 40,000 and the transportation needs of the large munition plants and shipyards. It denies that the situation here on account of the demand for the increase in population. Irregularity of schedules is attributed to the grade crossings of steam railroads, narrowness of streets and the absence of tracks.

Mayor McDowell, after reading the answer filed by the traction company, said that the corporation admitted inefficiency and that the Public Service Commission should conduct an inquiry.

ADMIT SIGNATURES LOOK LIKE FORGERIES

Leib, Sponsor for James Woodward, Tells How He Filed Papers

Harrisburg, April 20.—Evidence taken during the first day of the hearing of objections of James F. Woodward, of McKeesport, organization Republican candidate for Secretary of Internal Affairs, against the nomination petition of James Woodward, of Ashland, also a Republican candidate for the office, brought out the fact that many of the signatures on the papers making up the petition were forged.

Even William S. Leib, Republican leader of Schuylkill County, who brought out the Ashland man because he said he had heard that the Penrose faction would run a man named Houck against his personal friend Paul W. Houck, present Secretary of the Commonwealth and the State Administration candidate for re-election, admitted on the stand that many of the signatures apparently were forged, although he said that he did not knowingly file forged papers.

Mr. Leib told how he had gathered the six papers from as many counties to make up the petition and had summoned Fred A. Godcharov, Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth, to his office at the Capitol. Mr. Leib being deputy clerk of the House, and had asked the deputy to file the papers shortly before midnight April 11. They were filed at 11:57 p. m. or there the expiration of the period for filing.

SCIENTISTS APPOINTED

Governor Names Three From Delaware to Convention Here

Dover, Del., April 20.—Governor Townsend has appointed Prof. E. V. Vaughan, of Newark, and Dr. H. G. Budd and Prof. A. R. Spald, both of Dover, in addition from Delaware to the academy of science and social science, to be held in Cambridge, N. J., on May 15 and 16.

Mr. Vaughan also issued a call for members of the newly appointed State Academy of Science and Social Science.

TEACHERS ASKED TO AID

Courses in Spanish, French and English History Offered

New Brunswick, N. J., April 20.—The State University of New Jersey makes an appeal to teachers to equip themselves more thoroughly for their profession in time of war. The American Association for International Conciliation is co-operating with the institution by offering courses in Spanish, French and English history, and aid is given by the United States Government for maintaining courses for the preparation of vocational teachers.

In discussing the work of the session, Dr. Charles H. Elliot said: "We are endeavoring to carry out the provisions of the Pierson law, passed by the New Jersey Legislature in 1917, by offering a large number of courses in physical training. Among the many important to equip persons for stenographic, clerical positions in Government service, courses in special work designed for clerical positions in Government service, courses in radio and buzzer work, military topography and highway and courses in food conservation, including an emergency course in canning, pickling and drying, are made a part of the program."

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RHEIMS, ONCE FAIR CITY OF FRANCE, NOW A STONE AND RUBBISH HEAP



Rheims has been completely reduced to ruins by the continuous bombardment of the Germans. The picture above, at the left, is typical of the ruin wrought by the thousands of shells which have fallen within the city during the last week. The picture at the right shows the partially destroyed front of the famous cathedral, one of the largest and most magnificent examples of Gothic architecture in the world. The city as it looked before the war, with the cathedral dominating all, is seen in the photograph below.

CHINESE GIVES BAIL IN LIBERTY BONDS

Surprises Atlantic City Court When Held for Having Opium

Atlantic City, April 20.—A new use for Liberty Loan bonds, never enumerated in Secretary McAdoo's most explicit bill of particulars, evoked a mild sensation in the court of Henry W. Lewis, United States Commissioner, here, when Charles Quong, a Chinese restaurant proprietor, utilized ten of them to keep himself out of jail.

Quong was charged by Government agents, upon testimony furnished by Captain Barnshaw, of the shore vice squad, with having in his possession opium upon which he was liable for a tax had not been paid. The Chinese and his counsel, Eugene Schwinghammer, former Assistant Prosecutor, said that Quong was a tubercular patient and that a physician had prescribed opium for him.

Commissioner Lewis ordered the Chinese to give \$1000 bail to await the action of the United States Grand Jury. He was about to sign an order for the restaurant keeper's commitment when a diversion occurred.

"Liberty Bonds good?" the Chinese softly inquired. Then, as Commissioner Lewis's eyes grew large and round, he drew bond after bond from his pockets until ten of them, valued at \$1000 each, lay upon the Commissioner's desk. "They're as good as gold," that official responded explosively as he signed a receipt and waived the prisoner on his way. Quong is said to be worth \$50,000.

While married men who know something about the cost of women's fashions gasped at the sacrifice, a \$500 note was ripped to pieces in the District Court today to convince a jury that there was no camouflage about the goods. (Editorial note: The goods were sold for \$247 last November and the note was given in payment of a note for \$20 and a coat of Persian lamb valued at about \$200. Subsequently Mrs. Charlton failed to meet the note, and she gave him in payment of the genuineness of the goods. The ripping demonstration followed. Agrons was given judgment for \$50.

Business men today talked of raising a fund to help the City Board of Education to purchase a new building for the Atlantic City branch of the Universal Society for Social Improvement, which the board of commerce, members of the board to establish a night school to teach Americanization. The board received the request upon the ground that it has no money.

Woodstown Loan Dinner Chamber of Commerce Entertains 250 at Patriotic Banquet

Woodstown, N. J., April 20.—Patriotic color was given to the second annual dinner of the Woodstown Chamber of Commerce last night in Driver's Hall, which was given for the benefit of the "Liberty Loan banquet" by the committee, headed by Dr. S. I. Callahan, Dr. Wilmer Krusen, Director of Public Health and Charities, Philadelphia, delivered an address.

A large service flag, containing seven-hundred stars, in honor of boys from Woodstown and Pittsgrove township in the service was unfurled by little Miss Grace of the Woodstown branch of the Chamber of Commerce, was toastmaster. Samuel Leeds, president of the Atlantic City branch of the Universal Society for Social Improvement, of the Salem County Board of Freeholders and other guests were present.

Has Floating Dirigible Montclair Inventor Warns Senate Committee Against Zeppelins

Washington, April 20.—Demonstrations of a sixteen foot model dirigible balloon of the Zeppelin type swung on wires—a machine said to be much superior to the German craft in that it is more mobile and can alight on water—were given to the Senate military committee by Alfred Herbert, a Montclair, N. J., inventor. He said his dirigible could be built 600 feet in length, carry fifty persons, machines and bombs, and attain a speed of seventy-five miles an hour.

William B. Rush Dead Martinsburg, Pa., April 20.—William B. Rush, forty-four years old, is dead at Newville of Bright's disease. He was a graduate of the Millersville State Normal School and taught school for twenty years in various parts of the county. He was a member of the National Bank at New Providence, and a member of the Reformed Church. Besides his widow, his aged father and three children survive.

\$150,000 Loss in Glass-Plant Fire Pittsburgh, April 20.—The main building of the Glass City Glass Company, which was destroyed by fire last night, is estimated at \$150,000.

179 AMERICANS LOST IN PICARDY BATTLE

22 Killed, 55 Wounded and 102 Missing; Includes 57 Not Reporting

Washington, April 20.—The War Department has received General Pershing's report of the gallant conduct of American engineers troops with the British Fifth Army in helping check the German advance in the early days of the great offensive. "It will make splendid reading for Americans," said Secretary Baker.

American losses in the period from March 21 to April 3, during which the engineers consolidated and held a sub-sector of the British lines against repeated assaults, were given as two officers killed and three wounded, women killed, fifty-two wounded and fifty-five missing, with a detachment of fifty-seven from whom no report has been received. It is believed by the British authorities that all of those reported missing were not captured, but that many were separated from their command and are now with other British organizations.

General Pershing's report says: "In reference to mention in summary of activities, from March 21 to April 3, 1918, the following has now been received: The commanding officer of a United States engineer regiment has received a copy of the following letter from Chester, Pa., dated April 14, 1918: 'I have received the following from the commanding general: 'I should like to add my own appreciation of the excellent service rendered by the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the light railroad service of this army district to acquaint all ranks serving under their command with the appreciation accorded to their service.' 'Certain units of United States engineers serving with a British army under the command of Major General T. G. B. were ordered to fall back to Abbeville on March 21 and April 3 while engaged in the construction of material dumps at Chaumes, fell back with British forces to Moreuil, which was the scene of a desperate work, the commander of defensive line, which was constructed and manned by the detachment of fifty-seven men extending to the north side of Bois de Tolliau. The commands started for this position on March 27 and occupied it until April 3 during this time the commanding officer of a unit of United States engineers being in command of the detachment occupied by his troops. This command was in more or less continuous action during its stay in this position. On April 3 the command was ordered to fall back to Abbeville. The casualties during the period, March 21 to April 3, were: Officers, killed, two; wounded, three; men killed, twenty; wounded, fifty-two; fifty-five men reported missing, but it is believed by the British authorities that they were not all captured, and that many of them were separated from their command and are now with other British organizations. This report of casualties does not consider the detachment of fifty-seven men from which no report has been received."

The report also quotes the letter of the commanding officer of the sub-detachment of fifty-seven men, L. Muller, commanding a cavalry division, to the commander of one of the American engineering units, conveying the congratulations of his superior, and the letter sent by British General Rawlinson, commanding the British army engaged in that sector, to the engineer officer in command of the sub-detachment of which were made public in France.

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NORRISTOWN SCHOOL BOARD BARS GERMAN

Directors Order Discontinuance of Study of That Language—Others in Line

Norristown, Pa., April 20.—Norristown has dropped the teaching of German in the public schools, or at least will stop teaching at the close of the school term. This was unanimously decided by the seven members of the school board last night after a discussion of the subject.

The action was voluntary on the part of the directors. While there was no petition of citizens an agitation employed by one of the newsmen served to make known public sentiment, and it was to public sentiment that the school board yielded. I. P. Knise, an attorney, a former borough solicitor of Norristown, made a strong appeal for the abolition of the German language at this time.

It was not decided what language to substitute for German, but the Spanish language, Secretary Aldin said, would likely take its place. Superintendent Martin, when he found out public sentiment, acquiesced with the board of directors in the action taken. French, English and German have been the languages taught in the Norristown schools. The choice of a language is left to the pupil. At the present time, of the 500 scholars in the high school, only fifty are studying German.

Wheeling, W. Va., April 20.—German language courses in the grade schools of Wheeling have been discontinued. The board of education voted to discontinue the teaching of the language in the grade schools at once and in the high school at the end of the present school year.

Eight thousand pupils in the grade schools gave up their German classes. Twelve teachers in the course will be given other employment.

Grand Rapids, Mich., April 20.—The German classes have been discontinued in local schools. A different course to be decided upon later will be substituted.

VETERINARIAN A SUICIDE

"Horseless Age" Culminates Misfortunes of Harbor Doctor

Norristown, Pa., April 20.—Dr. R. L. Davis, seventy-five years old, a veterinarian, committed suicide at his home in Harbor by inhaling illuminating gas. He had been dependent for some time on morphine. The doctor had been overworked by misfortune. About a year ago his son died. This was followed a short time afterward by the death of his wife, from grief over the son's death. Later he destroyed his horse. The automobile had a serious effect upon his mind also when it began to supersede the horse and destroyed his business.

CHINESE RESCUE WOMEN

American Missionaries Saved From Bandits by Scouts

Fekin, April 20.—A scouting party sent out by the magistrate of Kiangsu has rescued Miss Katherine Schmidt and Mrs. Stanley M. Dixon, formerly of Norristown, Pa., the two American missionaries of the China Menonite Mission Society, captured by bandits near the Kiangsu-Shantung border. A skirmish in a village near the border preceded the rescue.

Seashore Excursions to Atlantic City

Ocean City, Sea Isle City, Wildwood, Cape May SUNDAYS APRIL 21 and 28

7:30 A. M. from CHESTNUT or SOUTH ST. FERRY RETURNING LEAVES SEASHORE POINTS 6:00 P. M. \$1.25 Round Trip

Georgette or silk sleeves. A wonderful collection of styles and wonderful values. \$9.98 \$9.98 \$9.98

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STANDARD FARM WAGE SCALE URGED BY EDGE

New Jersey Governor Appeals to Grange Bodies Toward Promoting War Co-operation

Trenton, N. J., April 20.—In a personal letter sent today by Governor Edge to all of the New Jersey Granges, he expressed great confidence in the zeal and patriotism of all the agriculturists in their efforts toward assisting in war movements and urged co-operation of farmers with the State Department of Labor, the branches of the Federal State Municipal Employment Service and draft machinery of the State.

The Governor requested that the farmers agree on a standard of wage, employment hours and maintenance conditions, in order that there may be general satisfaction on the part of workers supplied by the State service and the officials of the War Department, authorizing the forwarding of drafted men for farm operation. He said that it was his belief that, through co-operation, the serious labor shortage on farms in New Jersey might be met, and added that the State will form a partnership with farmers in an effort to have crops harvested on time, despite conditions prevailing now.

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HIGHER SEWER RATES

IN JERSEY APPROVED

Public Utilities Board Makes Effective Increases in Collingswood and Burlington

RATES ARE REASONABLE

Rehearing Follows Supreme Court View That Incorporation Does Not Constitute Agreement

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger Trenton, N. J., April 20.—The Collingswood Sewerage Company and the Burlington Sewerage Company were granted permission today by the State Board of Public Utility Commissioners to make effective, with a number of changes, new rates submitted to the board in June of last year, the action of the commission resulting from a rehearing in the case of each concern, which was ordered by the New Jersey Supreme