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ENGLISH LINER APPAM, CAPTURED BY GERMANS, IS BROUGHT HERE AS PRIZE

SUBMARINE K-5, REPORTED LOST, SAFE ON COURSE

Navy Department Gets Message From Searchers Reporting That Undersea Boat Is Proceeding Under Own Steam For Florida—No Casualties Reported on Vessel and No Assistance Is Asked.

Washington, Feb. 1.—The submarine K-5 is safe and proceeding under her own steam for Key West, Fla., according to a naval radio message received at the navy department early today from Captain Simpson, of the torpedo boat destroyer Sterrett.

The message came by way of Key West and said: "At 3:55 a. m. U. S. S. K-5 steaming south at ten knots. No casualties and no assistance required."

Fowey Rock referred to in the message is a lighthouse and is located about 10 miles from Miami.

Navy department officials estimated that under the speed the K-5 is making, she should reach Key West about 6 p. m. today.

The Stockton was one of the destroyers ordered by Secretary Daniels to search for the K-5.

The K-5 has been making good time on her southward voyage without con-

54 ARE DEAD IN LONDON AFTER ZEPPELIN RAIDS; PARIS REPELS ATTACK

London, Feb. 1.—Fifty-four persons were killed and 87 injured in last night's Zeppelin raid, it was officially announced this afternoon.

PARIS FOILS ZEPPELIN.
Paris, Feb. 1.—A Zeppelin started in the direction of Paris last night at 5:45 p. m. A warning was sent from Compiegne that a German airship had been sighted in movement. The military governor of Paris gave orders that preparations be made to give the alarm if necessary. However, when the Zeppelin got into the field of the searchlights on the French front, it turned back and is supposed to have abandoned a projected raid.

LONDON SILENCES CHIMES.
London, Feb. 1.—By direction of the mayor and military authorities, the police today ordered discontinuance of chiming and striking of bells by public clocks between sunset and sunrise, as a precautionary measure.

The press comments at length on the Zeppelin raid of last night but no official details have been made public in addition to the War office statement to the effect that six or seven airships passed over the eastern, northeastern and middle counties of England, dropping a number of bombs. At the time the announcement was made, it was said, no considerable damage had been reported.

The territory roughly outlined in the British report of last night might be construed as including Manchester, which is 20 miles from the western coast of England, and to the east of Liverpool, and 164 miles north of London.

A statement of the Pall Mall Gazette that "no sounds came within London's listening ears," indicates the city of London was not visited, while the London Globe says it would appear that the ostensible object of last night's raid was an attack upon certain munitions factories.

HUNDREDS WANT TAX LEVIES CUT
Board of Relief Is Swamped By Volume of Appeals From Valuations Levied By Assessors.
All records for first day attendance at a board of relief meeting were smashed today when a swarm of small property owners descended on the assessors' office in the city hall seeking information on the increases in their tax assessments.

Between the hours of 9 o'clock when the board began business and 1 o'clock this noon, more than 300 property owners had appealed to the board to have their assessments reduced. This is a record never equaled on the opening day of the board of relief meetings.

So pressed were the members of the board that none was able to leave the office until after 1 o'clock. Loren Delbridge, clerk of the board of assessors and David Penelon, a former member of the board, aided in hurrying tax payers in looking up the changes in assessments. It developed today that the increases in assessments as far as the home owners are concerned has been a sort of hit or miss proposition. It is the claim of many who protest that no

SECRET WEDDING IS DIVULGED BY POISON DRAUGHT

Child Bride Attempts to Take Her Own Life With Dose of Chloroform.

FATHER'S PROMPT WORK SAVES HER

Hysterical, She Discloses Wedding Certificate—Motive is Mystery.

The secret marriage of Nellie Deane, aged 17, and Thomas F. Hyde, 32, both employees of the Locomobile Company of America, was disclosed last night in a sensational attempt of the young bride to end her life with a draught of chloroform.

Mrs. Hyde, known to all her associates only as Nellie Deane, who is little more than a school girl, drank a large dose of chloroform at the home of her father, Henry Deane, a railroad conductor, of 194 Jewett avenue, at 7:30 last evening.

Prompt discovery of her rash act, and the father's presence of mind in administering effective first aid treatment saved her life. He gave her a large dose of mustard and hot water, while awaiting the arrival of the emergency hospital ambulance corps.

With the arrival of Dr. J. F. Canavan, the girl was found to be out of immediate danger, and the ambulance surgeon left her to the care of the family physician, Dr. O. L. Massinger.

None of the household at first knew the motive of her attempted suicide. When the girl became hysterical, she disclosed to the family the facts of her secret marriage to Hyde. To convince the physicians and family of the truth of her story, she produced a certificate of marriage. Frank L. Wilder, as justice of the peace, officiated.

Hyde has been ill with grip for several days. The young woman called at his home, 110 Lewis street, where he lives with his father and a brother, Walter, on several occasions, but she was not able to see him. His family today professed surprise at the statement that he had been married.

Miss Deane was employed as a stenographer with the Locomobile Co., while Hyde had a clerical position. The two became acquainted at their work, and for several months they were frequently in company. But it was not until last night, neighbors of the household learned that they had been married.

Mrs. Hyde was recovering, this afternoon.

AUSTRIA DENIES U-BOAT ATTACK ON THE 'PERSIA'

Turkey to Be Asked For Report on Activities of Submarines

Washington, Feb. 1.—Secretary Lansing today announced the receipt of a despatch from Ambassador Penfield at Vienna, saying that he had been informed by the foreign office that all Austrian submarines operating in the Mediterranean had reported that none of them was concerned in the sinking of the Peninsular & Oriental liner Persia.

The secretary also announced that he was addressing to Ambassador Morgenthau for presentation to the Turkish government any inquiry as to whether a Turkish submarine was responsible. The state department considers that the statement from Austria-Hungary closes the question of whether a submarine of that nationality sunk the Persia.

PRESIDENT GIVES PLATFORM TALKS ON U. S. DEFENSE

Chicago, Feb. 1.—President Wilson left Chicago at 10:01 o'clock this morning to continue his speaking tour of the middle west. He said he felt full of energy and much invigorated.

Stops at Joliet, Ottawa, Moline and Rock Island were added to the President's itinerary. Platform speeches were scheduled for each stop.

Before the President's special left Chicago today the members of his party expressed their pleasure at the hearty welcome accorded him here. They said the local response to his plea for support in preparing for an adequate national defense had fully met their expectations.

His Army Uniform Puts Him Close to President; Arrested

Chicago, Feb. 1.—Sigmund Wisniewski, who was arrested on the stage where President Wilson was speaking last night in the auditorium here, explained to the police today that the army uniform he was wearing was donned to enable him to get into the hall simply to hear the President speak.

Thousands were unable to get tickets to hear the President, but Wisniewski passed the doorkeepers by posing as part of the escort. He had some letters in a foreign language in his pocket and the police were still holding him today pending their translation. He claimed that he had served several years in the United States army.

OVERTURES FOR PEACE ARE DENIED

England Refutes Report That She Intends to Abandon Her Allies and That She Has Made Move for Bringing Peace.

London, Feb. 1.—Official denial was made here today of reports attributed to German sources, that England intends to abandon her allies and has made peace overtures to Germany.

The statement follows: "The German chancellor has stated that England is compelling her allies to refrain from entering upon any peace movement. This statement, which our allies know to be untrue, was made for the purpose of inducing England in the eyes of the neutrals.

"To our allies, on the other hand, we hear that insidious and untrue reports are being circulated from German sources that England intends to abandon them and has even made peace overtures to Germany, which have been refuted.

"The two statements together are a good illustration how unscrupulous German methods are."

CARPENTERS IN BRIDGEPORT AID HATTERS WELL

Receive Acknowledgement of \$500 Sent to American Federation of Labor

Thanks of the American Federation of Labor has been officially extended to the Carpenters & Joiners' local 115 of this city for its contribution of \$500 towards the Danbury Hatters' fund, recently collected in Bridgeport.

Frank Morrison, secretary of the federation, in writing to the local under date of Jan. 29, said: "I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor enclosing donation for the Danbury Hatters' fund, which is sent in response to the appeal issued by the executive council of the American Federation of Labor by direction of the San Francisco convention, for the relief of the Danbury hatters."

"The amount of the donation here-with acknowledged and you will find receipt for same enclosed. The report of the donations received will be printed in pamphlet form and copy mailed to each contributor."

In addition to the magnificent amount raised by the local 115, the Swedish local of carpenters voted \$100 as their share of the contribution at 50 cents per member.

The Journeymen Plumbers' association of this city have contributed \$100 to the Hatters' fund. Machinists have contributed many hundreds.

FOUNDRI LABORERS TO BE ORGANIZED

Laborers employed in foundries of this city will be organized within the next few weeks. According to union leaders, the laborers have been asking that a union be formed, and it is likely steps will be taken immediately to band them together.

A meeting of moulders and core-makers was held last evening at United Irish Societies hall. Nearly 150 unorganized men attended. Communication has been held with heads of foundries and it is expected that in the next few days the men will learn whether or not their request for a minimum wage will be granted.

Another meeting will be held Thursday in St. John's hall, in East Bridgeport.

Secretary of State Thomas F. Martin of New Jersey announced his candidacy for the democratic gubernatorial nomination.

BOOM IN WAKE OF WEST END'S FREIGHT YARDS

Increase of Railroad Facilities Results Beneficially For Section.

FACTORY IN WAY OF IMPROVEMENT GOES

Structure Is Purchased By Agent Believed To Represent The New Haven.

Rapid development of that section of the West End of Bridgeport contiguous to State street extension is expected by industrial heads and real estate men as the result of the rapidly progressing facilities for freight handling being made by the New Haven road at the intersection of State street and Fairfield avenues.

Bulk tracks already laid, are now being made available for trams by large steam rollers which are tamping down the cinder roadbed.

Increased trackage is believed to be planned by the New Haven because of the recent sale of the Stanley Bronze Co.'s property, which stood in the way of proposed additions to spur tracks on property owned by the railroad company.

It was admitted by officials of the Bronze Co. today that their present site at State and Dewey streets had been sold to agents, believed to represent the railroad. This sale was consummated with the utmost rapidity as it was only last week that plans for an addition to this factory were filed with the building commissioner.

The Stanley factory will now move to Holland avenue, directly in the rear of the Grant Manufacturing Co., where a large tract has been purchased from the Belknap Manufacturing Co. that purchased about two years ago with the plan of moving to that spot.

The new factory of the Bronze Co. will begin by a brick and steel building, about 40 by 150 feet in length, with additions of brick and stone as required.

Another contemplated building is that of the Blue Ribbon Auto & Carriage Co. which will erect a three-story brick and steel building structure, 100x50 feet, in the rear of its present large factory.

E. A. Godfrey, president of the Blue Ribbon Co., in speaking of the rapid development of his business today, said: "We are not the only concern that has been forced to seek increased accommodations. Everywhere in Bridgeport factories are under the necessity of enlarging."

The section of Bridgeport is to be greatly benefited in a manufacturing way by the present location of spur tracks. There have been several rumors of factories to locate in this vicinity, and the rush of building on the old circus lots is passing the expectations of anyone in this vicinity as forecasted a year ago."

LEVEE GOES OUT IN TWO PLACES; TOWNS FLOODED

Newport, Ark., Feb. 1.—The Rock Island levee went out at two places here this morning and Newport is flooded.

The levee at McClelland also is reported to have broken.

PLAN ADDITION FOR CHURCH OF SACRED HEART

Preliminary plans for improvements to the Church of the Sacred Heart on Myrtle avenue, which are estimated to cost about \$25,000, are now being drawn in the offices of Fred J. W. Colt, a noted church architect of Paterson, N. J.

Additions and alterations that are not settled upon, will be made so that the church will become one of the most modern in this city from a point of comfort, convenience and decoration. Additions contemplated will be of brick and stone, and not exceed one story in height. There will be a general interior remodeling of the church.

Sacred Heart church is one of the oldest Roman Catholic church edifices in this city. With the rapidly growing population of the parish the changes have been needed for some time.

No radical improvements have been made since 1899 when the rectory was rebuilt after a disastrous fire. The parochial school was built and dedicated in 1895.

A charter was issued at Ottawa to the Chalmers Motors Co., of Canada, Ltd., capital \$1,000,000.

Passenger Ship, Given Up As Lost, Appears in Hampton Roads In Charge of German Prize Crew—Taken Off Canary Islands By Raider Which Sank Seven Other Vessels—Passengers Are Safe, And Liner Carries Many of Victims' Survivors—Perplexing Problem In International Law Brought Before State Department Officials By Appearance of Captured Ship in Port Here.

Newport News, Feb. 1.—With the German naval ensign fluttering boldly from her stern and in charge of a German prize crew, the British South African Liner Appam, given up for lost, took refuge in Hampton Roads this morning with the story of seven vessels destroyed by German sea raiders off the African coast.

The Appam was captured off the Canary Islands on Jan. 15 by a German raider four days after she had sailed from Dakar, British West Africa, for Plymouth, Eng.

Whether the captor was a German U-boat or a hitherto unreported German auxiliary cruiser is undetermined. From what was learned by some of the officials who boarded the Appam it is believed that some steamer armed as a German auxiliary raiding shipping off the African coast took the British liner and put the prize crew aboard.

This view is supported by the fact that a submarine could hardly have spared a lieutenant and such a large crew to a prize. Deed Outshines Other Raiders.

Lieutenant Berge, of the German navy, placed on the Appam when she was captured, brought in the prize, eluding the cordon of British cruisers across the Atlantic and adding to the historic chapter of German exploits at sea a chapter to rank with the adventures of the Emden, the Prinz Eitel Friedrich and Kron Prinz Wilhelm.

There are 451 persons aboard the ship, including 138 survivors of seven ships sunk by the raider which captured the Appam; 30 German civilians being transported from Africa to England to be placed in detention camps; 155 members of the Appam's crew; 116 original passengers on the Appam and the prize crew of 22.

Colonial Officers Prisoners
Many of the passengers on the Appam are women and children. There also are several high British colonial officials who were returning to England from Africa. There also are four wounded sailors, taken from one of the sunken ships which resisted capture and was shelled.

According to the information from those who talked with Lieut. Berge, the Appam was captured without any show of resistance, on Jan. 15, the day that British news reports said that wireless communication with the vessel suddenly ceased. A prize crew was placed on board and the same day the raider which captured the Appam gave chase to another British steamer, bound for Australia, with a cargo of meat. The meat ship gave battle, was captured and was sunk, after a large portion of her crew had been taken off.

Six more vessels then were destroyed in rapid succession, it was stated. The crews were taken on board the Appam, which ran due west across the Atlantic for Hampton Roads.

When the Appam passed in the Virginia channel today and took on a pilot, she was asked by the Fort Monroe wireless station who she was. The reply was, it is stated, that she was the German cruiser "Buffalo."

When she arrived at Old Point, Quarantine Officer McCaffery went aboard and after his inspection brought Lieutenant Berge ashore. The Appam got a clean bill of health.

The four wounded sailors were the only cases of sickness found. The German consul, L. Marshall on Schilling, took charge of the situation and Lieut. Berge placed himself under the consul's orders. They went to the office of Col. Ira Haynes, commandant of Fort Monroe, where the German officer paid his respects and explained why he had given the wireless station the name of the German cruiser "Buffalo."

Lieut. Berge and Consul Von Schilling sent messages to the German embassy at Washington and later had conversations over the telephone with the embassy and with Customs Collector Hamilton.

Pending the receipt of instructions from Collector Hamilton, no one is allowed on or near the Appam. Guards are at the rails on every side and no gangplank is down. Efforts to communicate with any of the passengers from small boats encircling the steamer were forbidden.

The Appam has one 3-inch gun mounted on her bow but whether it was on board before her capture or was mounted by the Germans is not known. She was brought in under the German man-of-war flag instead of the German merchant flag and her name was given to the quarantine officer as "H. M. S. Appam," meaning the German warship Appam.

When seen on his way to visit Col. Haynes, Lieut. Berge refused to talk. Asked for information he merely shook his head and replied: "Nothing to say, nothing to say."

He is a small man of slight build with a small moustache, and is very pleasant, though non-communicative. A conference with Collector Hamilton will take place in Norfolk this afternoon. After a conference between Lieut. Berge and Consul Von Schilling, the lieutenant went back aboard the Appam. Within a few minutes, he returned to Old Point dressed in his civilian clothes and, with the consul, left for Norfolk to lunch with Collector Hamilton.

Perplexing questions of international law may arise from the arrival of the Appam in Hampton Roads. First, the United States must determine whether the ship simply is a prize of war or whether she has been supplied with an armament which would give her the character of an auxiliary cruiser. So far as naval authorities here know, no case exactly like it has arisen to

concern the United States since the beginning of the war. The German ships Kron Prinz Wilhelm and Prinz Eitel Friedrich, which took refuge in Hampton Roads early in the war, were auxiliary cruisers and now are interned as such.

The Hague convention provides: "A prize may only be brought into a neutral port on account of unseaworthiness, stress of weather or want of fuel or provisions. It must leave as soon as the circumstances which justify its entry are at an end. If it does not, the neutral power must order it to leave at once; should it fail to obey, the neutral power must employ the means at its disposal to release it with its officers and crew and to intern the prize crew."

In case the Appam can be considered as an auxiliary cruiser, she is interned. (Continued on page 2.)