

for the war. This declaration, he stated, provided that food shipments should not be shut off from the civilian population of a belligerent country...

Alarm Over Danger To Peace.

He indicated that Germany had not, and would not give any information as to the extent of the United States that special care would be taken to make it impossible for American ships to run any danger.

British Press Unanimous In Indorsing Reply to America's Flag Protest

LONDON, Feb. 20.—The British press today unanimously indorsed the reply of Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, to the American note referring to the United States flag flying from British merchant ships.

Submarine Attacks On Merchant Ships Success, Says Berlin

BERLIN (via Amsterdam), Feb. 20.—The German admiralty announced today that German submarines have successfully opened their campaign against the merchant shipping of France and England, in retaliation for Great Britain's policy of blockade.

Envoy Protests Sending of War Supplies to Canada

Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, today told the State Department that he had information that American consuls had been sending to Canada of component parts of submarines ordered by the British government.

"No Orders to Fly U. S. Flag" Says Liner's Capt.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—The British admiralty gave the no orders to fly the American flag to the Capt. Dow of the Cunard liner Lusitania, upon the arrival of that steamer in this port.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

The forecast for the District of Columbia—Fair tonight and Sunday; moderate temperature; light variable winds.

TEMPERATURE.

The temperature today as registered at the United States Weather Bureau and Affleck's:

Table with 2 columns: Time (8 a. m., 10 a. m., 12 noon, 2 p. m., 4 p. m., 6 p. m.) and Temperature (30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40).

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MASTERS - KINNREAR CASE AGAIN TO GO TO HIGHER COURTS

Modern Workmen of World Officers, Convicted of Embezzlement, Want New Trial.

FIFTEEN COUNTS IN CHARGE

Motion Expected to Be Filed in Few Days by Counsel for Defendants.

Samuel J. Masters and John E. Kinnear, who were convicted in Criminal Court No. 1 on an indictment charging the embezzlement of trust funds aggregating \$137,000 belonging to the Modern Workmen of the World, will appeal to the Court of Appeals if the lower court does not grant a new trial.

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Moves in Blockade

LONDON.—All food consigned to Germany will be declared absolute contraband by the British government. Channel traffic will be held up indefinitely until the admiralty announces there is no further danger from German submarines.

PARIS SAYS GERMAN CLAIMS OF SUCCESS IN WEST ARE FALSE

Severe Fighting Continues Near Sea Coast, Where Invaders Try to Cut Allied Line.

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Russ Deny Big Losses And Sweeping Defeats

PETROGRAD, Feb. 20.—The Russian general staff flatly accuses the German and Austrian war offices of making false claims in their reports of sweeping victories and thousands of prisoners taken during the recent operations.

The contrary is said to have been the case. While it is admitted that retreats have taken place from Bukovina and from East Prussia, it is asserted that these were ordered for strategic reasons, that they were perfectly conducted, and that the number of men lost was small.

GERMAN FAILURE IS PREDICTED.

Complete collapse of the German campaign in northern Poland against the fortress of Novo Gortevick, which precipitated the retreat, is expected there, as the Germans, checked by the stubborn defensive and deep mud in the Augustow region, apparently are withdrawing troops from the front south of the Niemen river and transferring them to northern Poland.

PARIS, Feb. 20.—Flat contradiction of the German claims of successes in the north, in the Argonne, and in the Champagne districts come today from the war office.

Reviewing the operations of the last ten days, it was stated that everywhere the developments have been favorable to the allies. It is charged that the German claims of sweeping successes are made deliberately, and with the expectation that they will aid in influencing the Italian parliament, now in session, to continue the policy of neutrality.

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OFFICIALS ANSWER JITNEY BUS PROTEST

Utilities Board Will Take No Action Until Service Becomes Realty in the District.

Until the "Jitney bus" is a reality in the District, the Public Utilities Commission will take no official cognizance of the proposed service, according to a letter which the commission today sent to George H. Hamilton, president of the Capital Traction Company, who entered a protest against the competition with a view to having the buses declared common carriers.

It was pointed out in the letter that the commission had no official information about the proposed bus service save one application from an citizen for permission to operate a "jitney," the request having been referred to the license clerk.

Andrew L. Hickey, temporary chairman of the Public Utilities Commission, today stated that there were no new developments in the movement to establish the service.

Keith's Theater Helps Donation Week Funds

Donation Week went into vaudeville this afternoon and will retire this evening with what promises to be a large contribution to the cause. Manager Robins of the B. F. Keith Theater notified the Donation Week committee that his theater felt very badly over having been overlooked.

Mr. Robins stated that he had realized on Eva Tangany and her associates this week Mr. Robins stated he believed that the committee would be able to persuade to come out for a good cause.

This afternoon therefore the audience at Keith's was told that anything it might have in the form of cash that it had in hand to drop in the Donation Boxes around town would be collected by a committee of ladies at an appropriate time. The committee was hastily formed from among the vaudeville house tonight also. People who had overlooked donating at the street corner and department store stations will be able to satisfy their conscience therefore at the theater.

Seventeen Canadians Die In Battle; 33 Are Injured

LONDON, Feb. 20.—Seventeen members of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry have been killed in action since they went to France and thirty-three wounded, it is announced by an official. One member died from natural causes.

A CHILD DOESN'T LAUGH AND PLAY IF CONSTIPATED

If peevish, feverish and sick, give "California Syrup of Figs."

When listless, pale, feverish, full of cold, breath bad, throat sore, doesn't eat, sleep or act naturally, has stomachicache, diarrhoea, remember, a gentle liver and bowel cleansing should always be effected as a first step.

Nothing equals "California Syrup of Figs" for children's ills; save a teaspoonful, and in a few hours all the food waste, sour bile, and fermenting food which is clogged in the bowels passes out of the system, and you have a well and playful child again. All children love this harmless, delicious "fruit laxative," and it never fails to effect a good "inside" cleaning. Directions for babies, children of all ages and grown-ups are plainly on the bottle. Keep it handy in your home. A little given today saves a sick child tomorrow, but get the genuine. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," then look and see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company"—Adv't.

House to Pay Tribute To Bacon Tomorrow

The late Senator A. O. Bacon of Georgia will be eulogized at a special session of the House tomorrow, following the death of the distinguished statesman.

The House of Representatives will hold a special session tomorrow to pay tribute to the late Senator A. O. Bacon of Georgia, who died last night.

Germans Take Russian Funds Totalling \$127,500

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 20.—A Berlin dispatch printed by an Amsterdam newspaper today declares that the Germans in their great victory in Prussia captured Russian funds of 22,000,000 rubles (\$127,500).

BIG BARGAINS

New Block of Homes 11th and Eye Sts. N. E.

Six and eight rooms, tile bath, hot-water heat, electric lights, laundry tubs, servants' toilet, double porches.

Open, Lighted and Heated Until 9 P. M.

Inspect these houses at once and be convinced that we are offering the best values ever offered in the city. Only one square from H. St. cars, schools, market, stores, and churches.

Inspect Today

\$300 Cash Balance Monthly

H. R. Howenstein Co.

1314 F St. N.W. at 7th and H Sts. N.E.

What War Moves Mean

By J. W. T. MASON.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Sir Edward Grey's note to the American government on the seizure of the Wilhelmshafen cable reveals for the first time the fact that German warships have been capturing merchantmen in the North Sea. It has hitherto been supposed that the British navy kept the German fleet bottled up except for an occasional dash to the English coast and back again.

Now, however, Sir Edward Grey makes known the fact that a number of neutral vessels sailing from English ports on the east coast with cargoes of goods on the German list of conditional contraband have been seized by German cruisers and brought before a German prize court.

Sir Edward cites this circumstance to justify Great Britain's action in the Wilhelmshafen case. Its greater interest, however, is in the admission that German warships have been roaming the North Sea, capturing vessels conveying goods to England and the capture of North Sea merchantmen.

It is probable that both Dutch and Danish ships have been seized. In the former case the vessels might well be trawlers carrying fish to England, and in the latter case the seizures probably were small merchantmen carrying dairy products, which Dutch and Danish exports in large quantities to England. Prices of both fish and dairy goods have risen more than 50 per cent since the outbreak of the war.

The revelation of Sir Edward Grey suggests that the German fleet is engaged primarily to activities of the North Sea, now for the first time in the history of the world.

Quick dashes by speedy ships cannot account for the German seizures, however, Sir Edward Grey makes the point that the captured vessels were taken before a prize court, that is, were compelled to enter German ports. The merchantmen, of course, would be brought in under their own steam, and since the North Sea is so large, it is not noted for its speed, their progress into port would be slow.

How, then, could they have been accomplished adds to the many other naval mysteries of the war. The German fleet, it is believed, is based on the Dutch coast, and the British navy has been unable to afford full protection for its own shipping.

All the handicaps in such an encounter would be against the German fleet, and the capture of North Sea merchantmen is not the least among the laurels German naval seamanship has won in the past six months.

SAYS BIBLE IS BOOK LEAST UNDERSTOOD

Mrs. Louise M. Earl Gives Address Before Meeting of Women's Clubs' Federation.

Before an audience in the Public Library today, Mrs. Louise M. Earl gave an address on "The Greatest Book in the World, and the Least Understood," the meeting being under the auspices of the District Federation of Women's Clubs.

"The Bible is the greatest book because it cannot be destroyed," said Mrs. Earl. "Repeated attempts have been made to destroy it, but they were uniformly unsuccessful. It is great because it has claimed the unbought attention of the world's greatest scholars; it is greatest because it has the widest circulation of any book. There were eight and a half millions of copies sold last year.

"There are two broad methods of Bible study, centrifugal and centripetal; one from the inside outward and the other from the outside inward. The one advances from the study of a few verses at a time to a study of the whole; the other includes a study of the whole and then of its parts.

"The system I have found most successful is the latter. It is based upon a scientific classification, such as is used in studying botany or any other of the sciences. The student is led by certain groupings of the books of the Bible and by pictorial representations of the chapters to a rapid knowledge of the whole Book.