

The German commerce submarine Deutschland furnished these proofs. The U-53 put in at Newport R. I. under the rule which allows the use of neutral ports and four-hour periods to belligerent warships.

For a considerable time, dating back to the break in relations, which preceded the actual declaration of war by two months, reports have persisted not only that submarines were operating on this side of the Atlantic, but that the Germans had established secret bases somewhere in the Caribbean or along the coast of Mexico.

From now on it is expected here that engagements between vessels of the American fleet and submarines, as well as submarine attacks on merchant craft of the United States coast are expected to occur, and warning is given of the probability that American naval vessels may be lost in the attacks.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF CLASH

Scout Cruiser Chester Sends Radio Telling of U-Boat Attack. BOSTON, April 17.—The official report of the engagement between the U. S. S. Smith, submarine chaser, and an enemy submarine, received at Charleston navy yard today from the United States scout cruiser Chester, follows:

"At 12:29 a. m. April 17, apparently sighted enemy submarine. She fired torpedo. Missed U. S. S. Smith, thirty yards. Plainly seen crossing bow of submarine disappeared. The Chester is flagship of the American patrol service. The destroyer Smith is of the 'M' class, built in 1909, with a length of 288 feet and a displacement of 700 tons. Her speed is 29 1/2 knots an hour and she is armed with five 14-pounder guns and three 18-inch torpedo tubes. She carries eighty-seven men.

WRECKED WITH HAMMER

Secretary Redfield Has Exhibit of Machinery on Neckar. A graphic exhibit of the work of the German "destroyers" who wrecked the internals of the great German merchant fleet seized by this country is on the desk of Secretary of Commerce Redfield. It is a piece of the cylinder head from the fine engine of the steamer Neckar, lying in Baltimore harbor. The two-inch steel casting is broken in half, and the outside of the metal shows quarter-inch indentations from the heavy hammer blows that smashed it.

WAR COMMITTEE FAVORED.

The Senate Rule Committee, at a session today, developed sentiment in favor of a joint committee on the conduct of the war. The Weeks resolution for such a joint committee was under consideration. A subcommittee was named to consider changes in the resolution. Indications are that favorable action will be taken.

WANTS NAME SIMPLIFIED.

If his name was changed to Jerome M. Vaughan it would adapt itself to easy pronunciation and remove what he now considers as a social handicap. Jerry M. J. Vrzal told the District Supreme Court today in a petition for a change in name. Mr. Vrzal is employed as a secretary. He is represented by Attorney W. H. DeLacy.

WOULD TIE BRIDGES' WINGS.

Congressman Britten of Illinois, a Republican member of the House Naval Affairs Committee, is author of a bill to check the rush of "slackers" toward the marriage license bureau. The Britten bill stipulates that marriage after April 1, 1917, will not exempt young men of military age from military duty unless special exemption is authorized by the Secretary of War.

MRS. GILMAN TO SPEAK.

The National Woman's Party will be host to members of the D. A. R. at a reception at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Charlotte Jenkins Gilman, of New York, will speak. She has been active in suffrage politics in Maryland. An elaborate program is being planned by the suffragists, and it is probable officers of the national party from New York will come to Washington for the event.

GROWS TOBACCO IN YARD.

UNIONTOWN, Pa., April 17.—Unable to purchase tobacco at the advanced prices, Joe Gidley, of Connelville street, is raising in his front yard a crop which he says will be a lifetime supply.

WEATHER REPORT.

Forecast for the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia: Fair tonight and probably Wednesday; rising temperature; gentle, variable winds.

Table with 2 columns: Time and Temperature. Rows include 8 a. m., 9 a. m., 10 a. m., 11 a. m., 12 noon, 1 p. m., Average temperature for this date for the last 33 years—64.

HUGHES TO BEGIN STRIKE PROBE SOON

Jersey Senator's Committee on Traction Loses Gerry, Whose Wife Owns Stock.

Senator Hughes of New Jersey, chairman of the special committee of the Senate to investigate the strike on the lines of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, said today the investigation would probably begin the first of next week. Senator Hughes will have a meeting of the committee tomorrow for the purpose of discussing preliminary plans.

In the Senate today, Senator Gerry, of Rhode Island, retired from the special committee. He gave as his reason the fact that Mrs. Gerry owned certain traction securities in the District and he was not sure whether they included some in the Washington Railway and Electric Company. Vice President Marshall appointed Senator King of Utah, a lawyer and former member of the House, to serve in Senator Gerry's place.

E. W. Oyster, of Columbia Typographical Union; William H. Hotel, of Machinists' Union, and Harry Oehler, of Bookbinders' Union, were named as committee by the Central Labor Union last night to follow the Senate investigation and ascertain if acts of violence during the strike and alleged unfair treatment of employees by the Washington Railway and Electric Company justify operation of local traction lines by the District government.

Preparing for Inquiry. Officials of the Washington Railway and Electric Company and representatives of the strikers were busy today preparing for the investigation. The strike was started thirty-six days ago. The company is preparing to introduce before the committee the history of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America, of which the strikers are a division. Throughout the controversy President King has refused to have any dealings whatsoever with the Amalgamated Association. It is understood the company has gathered newspaper and magazine clippings, with numerous clippings telling of alleged acts of violence in the strike.

Officials of the union said they would rely upon the printed statements given every member of the House and Senate to prove that responsibility for the strike rests with the company. They said that George A. Wilbur and the other committee members had made at least a dozen offers of arbitration, all of which were rejected by the company. At union headquarters it was said the organization had nothing to fear from an investigation of acts of violence since the strike began.

MEXICAN BANDITS LOSING

Carranzistas Offer to Clean Up Chihuahua by May 1. The state of Chihuahua, bordering on the United States, and for a long time the stamping ground of Villa, will be free of bandits by May 1, according to statements of Carranza officials, forwarded to the State Department today by Consul Edwards, at El Paso. Edwards also noted the opening of railway transportation as far south as San Luis Potosi, shipments of food in Mexico, opening of telegraph lines to Mexico City, and a general improvement in conditions.

PLEAD NOT GUILTY

Seven Indicted Manufacturers of Paper Appear in Court. NEW YORK, April 17.—A plea of not guilty was entered by the seven indicted members of the Print Paper Manufacturers' Association executive committee, when arraigned before Judge Cushman in Federal court here today. Each furnished \$3,000 bail. They were given thirty days to file demurrers to the indictments which were returned by the Sherman anti-trust law, and charge a conspiracy to inflate print paper prices and restrain trade.

WOULD FILL KUTZ'S PLACE

Engineer of Highways Would Act Under Carry Measure. Lieut. Col. C. W. Kutz, Engineer Commissioner of the District, who has applied to the War Department for relief from his present civilian duties and for assignment to active service, would be succeeded by the engineer of highways if the Cary bill offered in the House becomes a law. Congressman Cary, a member of the District Committee, introduced a joint resolution directing that the engineer of highways be authorized to perform the duties of Engineer Commissioner in order that Lieutenant Colonel Kutz may be assigned to active duties.

PROVIDES FOR WAR ENVOYS.

A resolution providing for appointment of war commissioners to our allies during the war was offered by Senator Poindexter today.

Advertisement for Bobby Says Post Toasties. Includes image of a child and text: 'SHE GAVE ME COMMON CORN FLAKES FOR BREAKFAST INSTEAD OF POST TOASTIES' (Always get the right kind)

MOSLEM PLAY TO BE GIVEN

"Broken Chains" Will Be Presented by Christian Endeavorers. "Broken Chains," a Moslem play in three acts, will be given tomorrow night in Epiphany parish hall, 1321 G street northwest, by the Christian Endeavor Society and the Girls' Guild of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Miss Florence Thiele is director and stage manager, assisted by James F. Thompson and Mrs. Albert St. Clair. The story concerns the love affair of Sabeih, daughter of Osman, portrayed by Miss Marie Knapp, and Ahmet, a young Turk, played by Stewart Smith. Assisting the principals are Bascombe James, Harry Woodard, Willard Gabel, Charles Cook, Douglas Craig, Harold Stafford, Carl Stiene, Charles Cook, Maria Davidson, Muriel Keller, Eleanor Irelan, and Constance Adams.

SUNDAY'S VOICE STRAINED

Evangelist Tells Methodists Where He Thinks They're Wrong. NEW YORK, April 17.—Billy Sunday's day of rest brought little real rest to him outside of a few hours when he took a nap at home. The rest of the day was spent in trips to his dentist and throat specialist, followed by a short shopping trip, and in preparing his coming sermons. He also spoke for fifteen minutes at the annual dinner of the Methodist Social Union of New York at the Hotel Astor.

The speech showed that his voice, strained by his strenuous campaigns of the last weeks in Buffalo and this city, is in far worse condition than had appeared previously. His talk was expurgated of most of its slang, but it was a straight from the shoulder talk in which he told the church in general and the Methodist denomination in particular just what he thought was wrong with them.

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The Bank of Personal Service

We will welcome an opportunity to explain to you the personal banking service we are prepared to give you. As a depositor, all of our banking facilities will be gladly placed at your disposal.

The Commercial National Bank

Temporary Location: 14th and F Streets

ASKS REPUBLICANS TO AID CONSCRIPTION

Wilson Calls Minority Leaders for Conference as Opposition Grows.

In an effort to gain nonpartisan support of the Administration conscription army bill, President Wilson today asked Congressman Mann, Republican floor leader of the House, and Congressman Lenroot to confer with him at the White House. With unfavorable reports from the House on the possibility of conscription going through, the President has summoned the Republicans to his aid in a final effort to get prompt action. Chairman Dent, of the House Military Affairs Committee, will see the President this afternoon and, it is understood, will report that the conscription bill cannot be passed unless provision is made for first trying out the volunteer system.

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ENTER HUNTING CLASSES

Several Virginia Owners to Be Horse Show Competitors. Virginia owners are making extensive entries in the hunting classes for the National Capital-Horse Show, May 5 to 10. Dr. A. C. Randolph and Frederick McElphinstone, of Upperville, Va., and Charles Hollaway and James K. Maddox, of Warrenton, Va., will be among the competitors in the jumping events. Miss Mildred Greble, who has ridden in several of the shows here, has entered her stable of hunters from Middleburg, Va. William du Pont, of Wilmington, Del., will ship the pick of his stable in Orange county, Va.

ALIENS TURN ARMS OVER TO POLICE

Several Weapons Are Surrendered in Compliance With Order. Two of them, came in the District building this morning, and in broken English, asked the policeman on duty at the entrance to direct them to the office of the police inspector. One of them held a long shot-gun, broken at the breach, over one arm. Another held a revolver in his hand, both were old men, and both walked rather hesitatingly toward the entrance to Inspector Grant's office. They knocked timidly, and were admitted. "We have come," one spoke, "here we bring the weapons." And the shot gun and the revolver were laid away in the office of the District Building given over to the storing of the arms which are turned in by the unnaturalized Germans in the city, responding to Major Pullman's call for the weapons.

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PLATTSBURG DRILL

The first of a series of weekly open air drills by members of the Washington division of the Plattsburg Training Camp will be held on the Ellipse back of the White House this afternoon at 5 o'clock. The drills, according to the plan of Capt. Archie Miller, will be held, hereafter, every Tuesday afternoon, in addition to the regular Friday night instruction at the Washington Riding and Hunt Club. The temporary abolition of the Plattsburg summer camp will have no effect on the local members, Captain Miller says. They, he declares, will continue to drill and get in condition for regular service.

SPECIAL NOTICE

This store opens daily at 8 a. m. and closes at 6 p. m. daily, including Saturday.

Advertisement for Family Shoe Store. Includes image of a high-heeled shoe and text: 'Newest and Best in Ladies' Low Shoes and Pumps. All the latest novelties in Pearl, Gray, Ivory, Champagne, Tan and combinations of colors. Ladies' White Kid and Canvas Footwear. High and Low Shoes in all the latest fads and fancies. Men's Spring Footwear. No matter how fastidious, you will find just the style you desire, and in the kind of leather that will give lasting service. Fashionable Hosiery. The best in staple lines and many exclusive novelties that are the last word in style. STRASBURGER'S FAMILY SHOE STORE. Shoes and Hosiery. Jos. Strasburger Co. 310-312 Seventh St.

Large advertisement for Fatima cigarettes. Includes text: 'Way in Front for 8 Years. It was in 1909 that Fatimas nosed their way to the front and became the fastest-selling cigarette costing over 10c. And, except in one or two localities, Fatima's big lead is increasing faster today than ever—in spite of the big sales of cheaper cigarettes, packed to imitate Fatima. Of course, Fatima's remarkable sales do not make Fatimas taste any better—in fact, no cigarette can just suit every man's personal taste. But it proves that MOST men find that Fatimas keep their promises—that Fatimas do taste good and are comfortable while you are smoking and that after you smoke they leave you feeling just as fine as before. Yes, Fatimas are sensible—and some day you'll become a Fatima smoker. Lippitt & Myers Tobacco Co. FATIMA A SENSIBLE CIGARETTE. The Original Turkish Blend 20 for 15¢.