

U. S. CHARGE IN SPAIN CONFERS WITH PREMIER ABOUT U-BOATS

LONDON, Aug. 31.—The German-Spanish situation is critical, according to a dispatch from Madrid early today. Premier Dato was reported to have been closeted with the American charge d'affaires for several hours.

By Agency Radio to the U. S. S. MADRID, Aug. 30.—(Night)—The Spanish cabinet went into session at 5 o'clock this afternoon to consider the situation growing out of the torpedoing of Spanish ships by German submarines. Premier Dato cautioned correspondents just before the meeting that the situation calls for extreme calmness and unity. Spain's interests must be held above those of all the belligerents, he declared.

MEXICO MAY ALTER LAW

A possible change in the Mexican tax law, declared confiscatory for foreign oil interests, is presaged today in a note to the French government from the Mexican government regarding a modification of the law if stockholders in the oil company take their cases into court and obtain a judgment. Representatives of American oil interests point out that the note indicates a possible change in the tax law. The note to France seeks to make the protest against the tax law appear as a protest against excessive taxation, when, as a matter of fact, the protest is against confiscation of title.

The First Hundred Years Are the Hardest

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PROBE SHOOTING UP OF CLEARSPRING

CLEAR SPRING, Md., Aug. 31.—State's Attorney Kaylor is investigating the affair at Clearspring, when Roy McDonald, a draftsman, led men in an attack on Dr. Charles T. Mason, chased him from his home, and stoned the office of Justice Leonard P. Snyder, while they shot revolvers, terrorizing the town. It is now told that McDonald, who left for Camp Meade on the morning following the trouble, had threatened Dr. Mason, a member of the exemption board, with personal violence, just previous to the wild night, because he had not had his claim of exemption justified. Justice Snyder had previously fined the men for speeding, and has now issued warrants for six men.

Word "German" Cut From Cornerstone Of Maryland Church

HAGERSTOWN, Md., Aug. 31.—The word German on the cornerstone of the German Baptist Brethren Church, of this city, has been cut from the stone. This procedure followed action on a petition from the personal workers' Sunday school class of that church to the trustees. In 1909 the name was changed to Church of the Brethren, but the name on the cornerstone had always been the same since 1895.

FLOYD GIBBONS TALKS ON WAR

Floyd Gibbons, war correspondent of the Chicago Tribune, who spoke before the National Press Club last night on the virtue fighting spirit of the American troops in France, and warned against the impending German peace drive, is today planning to continue his tour of instruction through the United States. Mr. Gibbons received the French Croix de Guerre after being seriously wounded by machine gun fire at the battle of Bois de Belleau. He lost an eye and had his shoulder and arm badly smashed. He received the war cross primarily for rescuing a wounded marine officer under fire. "The American troops know they are better than the Germans, and go into battle imbued with a feeling of self-confidence that is simply uncomprehensible," declared Mr. Gibbons. "They feel that the German bullet is not made that will get them. They charge Hun machine gun nests as calmly as they would face a haystack."

KILLED WHEN AUTO GOES OVER BANK

When the steering gear of his automobile broke on Aqueeduct bridge, Edgar Francis Hurley, 30 years old, of Maywood, Va., early this morning crashed into a telephone pole, broke through an iron railing and fell into a sixty-foot pier hole, being crushed to death almost instantly. The machine turned over while going down. Leaving Washington shortly after 2 o'clock for his home in Virginia, Hurley was driving across the bridge at a speed of about twenty miles an hour. On the Virginia side of the bridge he struck a bump which broke his steering gear, making him unable to control the machine. The automobile struck a telegraph pole and went over an embankment into a hole about sixty feet deep. The hole was excavated for one of the piers of the new Key bridge. Hurley is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lillie Hurley, and a brother, Lawrence, with whom he kept a machine and boiler shop at 1219 Ohio avenue northwest.

AMUSEMENTS

FILM FEATURES
GARDEN TODAY—EDITH ROBERTS IN "THE LOVE SWINDLE"
STRAND TODAY—"THE GREAT LOVE"
PLAZA TODAY—DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS IN "MEXICAN MADNESS"
LEADER First Time Shows TODAY—VIRGINIA PEARSON IN "THE DIVINE DIVER"
NATIONAL Mat. Today, 2:30
JOHN COYNE Producer of "Fins-Bells," "Fins-Flies," "Fins-Flies"
FIDDLERS-THREE
NEXT WEEK—SEATS SELLING
Henry Miller
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TOMORROW NIGHT AT 8:30
FLOYD GIBBONS
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WM. COLLIER
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YANKEE AVIATORS BOMB FOE R. R.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 31.—A squadron of thirty American bombing planes carried out three successful raids behind the enemy's front yesterday. The railway yards at Conflans was a target for bombs early in the day, several direct hits being observed in the net work of tracks. At noon bombs were rained on Longuyon, another railway and supply base on the Verdun sector and late yesterday evening a second raid was made on Conflans. Poor visibility interfered somewhat with observing the exact results of the last attack. Although the American bombers were heavily engaged by anti-aircraft guns, artillery and pursuit planes followed them back some distance, all returned without injury. There also was aerial activity on the Lorraine front. A giant German airplane yesterday flew low over our trenches and swept the American line with machine gun fire. Four American air patrols engaged a Fokker fighting plane in the region of Manonville, southwest of Pont-Mousson. Lieutenant Armstrong swept up close to the boche and fired 250 rounds at short range. A big flash suddenly burst from the Fokker, it began to fall, but apparently the pilot partially regained control and the machine slid over the German trenches at an elevation of only 300 feet, landing or falling just behind the German line. In passing over the American trenches the Fokker was heavily fired upon by our machine guns. Confirmation of the destruction of the Fokker has not yet been obtained. The day generally was quiet on the Lorraine front.

SYRIANS BUY W. S. S.

Practically every Syrian in Washington has enlisted in the War Savings movement as a result of an active campaign made for the cause by prominent Syrians. Most remarkable of all, according to the District W. S. S. committee, is the fact that the campaign was organized of their own volition, without suggestion from local headquarters. Although Washington's Syrian population is comparatively slight, already sales of war stamps totalling \$19,228 have been made, with more in prospect. As a result of the success of this campaign, District Director Callahan will probably undertake the organization of similar canvasses among other classes of foreign-born people in this city.

STABBING OF RICH MAN A MYSTERY

CHICAGO, Aug. 31.—Mystery today surrounds the death of William E. Bradway, wealthy clubman and president of the Municipal Supply Company, divorced husband of Charlotte May Smith Bradway, daughter of J. W. Smith, famous as the discoverer of Goldfield, and its gold mines in 1903. Bradway died last night at Michael Reese Hospital from stab wounds received Thursday night while going to his home. Police and relatives refuse to discuss circumstances of his death, and only from official police records could any information be obtained. "William E. Bradway was taken to the hospital at midnight Thursday, stabbed over the heart by J. Norman Cook, 27, Halsted street." A detective assigned to the case said that Bradway had regained consciousness for only a brief interval during which he made this statement: "J. Norman Cook, father of a nineteen-year-old girl I met at Kansas City two years ago, stabbed me as I started to enter my home. I think he is a traveling man. You may find him at 27 S. Halsted street." The police refused to state early today whether or not they had Cook in custody.

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HUNDRETHS WALK FOR LACK OF CARS

While officials are disagreeing over minor points of the proposed "Beeler Belt Line," thousands of war workers in the new Potomac Park buildings at Seventeenth and B streets are forced to walk half a mile each way daily to and from car service. Complaints bitterly denouncing this lack of accommodation are being received by the Public Utilities Commission. As pointed out by The Times 24,000 Government employees are employed in the new Potomac Park buildings and the only practical solution to the traffic problem involved is still being banded back and forth by officials.

Only One Line. The Potomac Park section, in which the new navy offices are located, is reached by only one car line, and that line is entirely inadequate to the demands made upon it. A majority of those employed in the various Government bureaus housed in the Mall live across town from their work, and the volume of traffic in rush hours is in the overburdened car lines can handle.

According to John A. Beeler, traffic expert, the only solution of the problem is the construction of a new line running from Nineteenth street northwest down B street to connect with other lines of the Capital Traction Company at a point below Seventh and B streets northwest. This line would serve primarily to relieve congestion on lines further north and would afford a means of access to Potomac Park buildings that is needed more and more every day.

Figures compiled by experts in the office of the Public Utilities Commission show that 70 per cent of the persons living in the District of Columbia live in the territory east of Fourteenth street northwest.

The only means of access to Potomac Park for this territory is through the congested lines of travel passing the corner of Fifteenth street and Pennsylvania avenue. The opening of new buildings in the vicinity of the Monument has placed an undue burden on the street car lines passing the Treasury corner, and it is a physical impossibility to give adequate service on the old lines, traffic officials state.

A new line connecting the office buildings in Potomac Park with those in the Mall near Seventh street would serve to carry approximately 40,000 persons every day, and relieve the strain up town. The matter is being considered by Governmental Department heads, and an early conference with traffic officials is expected to result in the establishment of a new car line.

NEW JEWISH FORCE NEAR 10,000 LIMIT

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—The Jewish force for service in Palestine with the British has been recruited nearly to full strength of 10,000 men, it was announced at a luncheon given by members of the British recruiting mission and the Zionist organization of America at the City Club. Several thousand previously recruited are training at Cairo, Egypt, and others are in action.

Only twelve days are left to receive enlistments, it was stated because the expected operation of the new draft law. Registrations under the new law will cut off all available material. None but friendly aliens, including Russians, or men released by their draft boards for this service can be taken into the ranks. The average enlistments have run to thirty men a day for New York.

The Jewish force cannot be used as a vehicle to escape the Federal draft. One of the speakers warned. In all cases where a recruit has been released by his draft board and has not reported to the battalion headquarters, he has been arrested. There are 164 such cases awaiting action. The Major C. Frooman White headed the British contingent at the dinner. The Zionists were represented by De Haas Charles Cowen, George S. Avenin, and R. Lewis Epstein, Chief Officer C. H. Stern, U. S. W. C. C. Detailed by the navy to aid in the examination of applicants, was also present.

Major White denied rumors that were afloat, he said, to the effect that recruits for the force were transferred to British army units in England for duty in France. "The rumor is false," Major White said. "All men who have joined the Jewish force since recruiting began have been accepted for service in Palestine only. They are allowed, so far as regulations permit, to observe religious rites and to observe the fight under the Jewish flag until their services as soldiers are no longer required."

FOUR AUTOS DAMAGED

An automobile operated by H. L. Powell, Bethesda, Md., collided at Fourteenth and U Streets northwest early today with a car of the Capital Traction Company. The automobile was slightly damaged. A taxicab operated by John Casey, 109 E street northwest, collided with an automobile operated by John Garfinkle at North Capitol and E streets. Both machines were slightly damaged. "An automobile of the Fruit and Nut Shop, 123 E street northwest, was slightly damaged yesterday when it collided with a Washington Railway and Electric Company car at First and C streets southeast.

DUTCH SEIZE SHIPS

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 31.—A Batavia (Java) news agency dispatch to the Dutch newspapers says that six German steamers—Silesia, 4,489 tons gross; Uhlenfels, 6,577 tons; Gertnis, 6,800 tons; Westmark, 5,870 tons; Castell Pelesch, 3,464 tons; and Linden, 4,187 tons—have been transferred to the Rotterdam Lloyd the Holland American line, and the royal Dutch Lloyd, to replace six Dutch ships torpedoed off the Scilly Islands. All of the steamers at present are in Java ports.

D. C. Flyer Falls To His Death



CADET AVIATOR ELLIS BERNARD BABCOCK.

Of this city, who was killed in an airplane accident yesterday at Wichita Falls, Tex.

LEADER OF I. W. W. GIVEN 20 YEARS

CHICAGO, Aug. 31.—Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis has sentenced "Big Bill" Haywood, leader of the I. W. W., to twenty years' imprisonment in Fort Leavenworth. Ten-year sentences were imposed upon thirty-three of the organization's leaders, five-year sentences on the same number, one-year and one-day sentences on twelve defendants, and ten-day sentences on two others.

Cases against Benjamin Schragger, Chicago writer, and Pietro Nigra, of Spring Valley, Ill., was continued. All the sentences on the four counts of the indictment will run concurrently. Fines ranging from \$20,000 on Haywood and his chief aids, down to \$5,000 were imposed.

Those sentenced were allowed ninety days in which to file a bill of exception, and a stay of seven days in which to petition for bail. Salient points in the Government's case were reviewed by Judge Landis, special stress being put on the I. W. W. preamble declaring eternal war on the employing class and demanding the abolition of the wage system.

As "Big Bill" arose from his seat, a group of women, who had been weeping, started to sing. Haywood was quickly silenced by the court. George Andreychik, the young Russian poet, was next called by the court, and he stepped forward, he smiled and threw a kiss to his pretty bride, who waved her handkerchief.

MID. CANNERS TO COMPETE FOR PRIZE

National recognition for Maryland canners! W. B. Kemp, secretary of the Maryland State Fair and Agricultural Society, was today informed by the National War Garden Commission of its decision to award one of its National Capital Prize Certificates at the State fair to be held by the society this month in September. The certificate is national recognition for canning patriots, the certificates being awarded for first honors in the canned vegetable class. It is a mark of honor which the women of Maryland are eager to win judging from the reports of canning activity throughout the State that are reaching here. "Maryland is always to the fore in patriotic work, and the people of the State are fully alive to the present food situation," says a statement from the commission. They are determined to go to any lengths to win the war, and they realize that the "food reserves" are as essential for this as any other reserves with which Foch is going to beat the foe back to Berlin. The rate at which they are "canning the Kaiser" is proof of their earnestness in the work. The canning contests are sure to arouse much friendly rivalry and a widespread interest.

SPY SUSPECT SHOT DEAD

OCEAN CITY, N. J., Aug. 31.—Suspected of being a German spy, Thomas Ellis, of Trenton, N. J., was killed on the beach here when he refused arrest by a coastguard. Ellis had been acting strangely recently, and is said to have come to Ocean City in search of a nephew, who has enlisted in the Government service.

D. C. FLYER DIES IN AERO ACCIDENT

Cadet Ellis Bernard Babcock, twenty-one years old, son of Col. and Mrs. W. C. Babcock, of the Cairo Apartment, was instantly killed yesterday in an airplane accident at Call Field, Wichita Falls, Tex. Lieut. F. R. McGinnis, of Fresno, Cal., who was in the machine with Babcock, also was killed.

The cadet met death when his machine crashed 2,000 feet to the ground. He was looping the loop and lost control while in the top of the loop. The cadet aviator was making his first trip in performing acrobatic stunts in the air. He has only been at Call Field for about two months. The body will be brought here for burial in Arlington National Cemetery.

Babcock was born at West Point, where his father was stationed, and since then has lived in nearly every part of the country. He attended West Point in 1916 and 1917, and left the military academy to enlist in the aviation service. He was sent to Cornell University and took a course in the ground school there. Mrs. Babcock is staying with her cousin, Mrs. H. C. Newcomer, at the Mendall Apartment House. Colonel Babcock is in France.

YANKS AND TANKS DRIVE FOE BACK

WITH THE AMERICANS IN FRANCE, Aug. 31.—American officers and men are loud in their praise of the new model light tanks with which the French have been assisting their operations. These tanks helped the Americans greatly in sweeping over Von Boehm's elaborately consolidated advance trench system between Savigny and Juvigny, along the Juvigny plateau.

The Germans tried in vain to check the tanks with their newest anti-tank rifles, a powerful gun which penetrates thirteen-sixteenths of an inch of steel at 125 yards. Two of these rifles were caught during the fighting yesterday, and the crews were rescued by khaki-clad Americans who were advancing in conjunction with them.

In capturing the Chavigny-Juvigny narrow-gauge railway line the Americans were forced to sprint across 300 yards of bare, open plain, which was raked by the fire of the enemy. After this heroic dash they occupied a small embankment only ten feet from the Germans, who were on the other side.

Both the Germans and Americans hurled hand grenades over the embankment until the Germans were driven back by snarling machine guns. German patrols are active on the Vesle front. In the vicinity of Pismes several patrols were driven back by machine guns and two were captured near Basoches.

DON'T LIKE THEIR NEW CIGARETTES

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 31.—The scarcity of tobacco in Germany has led to the introduction of a standard cigarette and the cigarette smoker of the Fatherland is loud in his condemnation of it. It costs nearly a penny, it is put up in packets of various sizes and is called "Germany's Strength."

Vorwarts describes the sensation caused by smoking this anything but fragrant weed: "When one lights this cigarette, one feels at once that Germany's strength must be tremendous to stand such awful stuff! If one inhales the smoke then the first feelings of seasickness set in. If the paper be removed a grayish mixture of substances is seen and the smell is like that of a musty cellar dwelling in which there is a shoemaker's shop."

A slightly better cigarette is also made, but in order to obtain twenty of that kind the smoker must purchase a forty of Germany's Strength. "Turkey and Bulgaria," adds Vorwarts, "have both had good tobacco harvests, and it is suggested that those allies might provide themselves with brilliant success for coming year's allies with smokable cigarettes, which would help us to keep our spirits up in many a serious hour."

TURKS HOLD PATRIARCH

ROME, Aug. 31.—Monsignor Delcasse, apostolic delegate to Constantinople, has notified the Pope of Turkey's refusal to liberate Monsignor Camastra, patriarch of Jerusalem, whom the Turks took prisoner. The latter's health is said to be critical, and the Vatican requested Germany to intervene.

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