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**SHIPS MAY SAIL IN GROUPS.**

Allied Vessels Thought to be Meeting Convoys at Sea.

Baltimore, Feb. 7.—Little doubt is now entertained of the allied vessels in this port being conveyed to their destinations. Those flying the flags of neutral nations are being held here because their governments have made no provisions for their safety.

In shipping circles attention was directed today to the fact that within the last two or three days very few vessels cleared. Today there were more, and the inference is that these go out in groups after receiving instructions from their respective consuls relative to the route to be taken. When well out to sea the commercial fleet will be met by British cruisers and convoyed through the danger zone.

This explains the confidence of the captains of the allied boats in their ability to reach the other side without interference. The neutrals would be obliged to take chances.

and electric fixtures in the building in question were installed by members of Local 376, with which Boyle's union, Local 136, was at odds. When the work was complete Boyle, witnesses declared, said it would have to come out unless he was paid \$250.

"I ignored the threat and presently a plate-glass window was broken," said Young. "I replaced it, and this one also was broken. Then I went to Boyle and paid the \$250. That settled the trouble."

**VIRGINIA NEWS**

The movement of a considerable amount of ammunition from the Norfolk navy yard—St. Julian magazine—to Northern points has commenced. An unusually strong guard has been placed around the magazine.

If the United States should intervene in the world conflict she would be the fifteenth nation in the war, not counting the tiny republic of San Marino. America would be the eleventh power to line up against the four nations in the German alliance.

Chairman Hall, of the West Virginia house committee on the Virginia debt, has announced a public hearing by the committee of the senate and house tomorrow evening, when the governor and others will speak. Chairman Hall explained that some action in the near future is necessary in view of the alternative writ issued by the Supreme Court returnable March 6.

Nannie Chambers, white, was fined \$50 and given thirty days in jail Monday, in Circuit Court at Harrisonburg, on the charge of manufacturing "old hen." Her attorney will appeal to the Supreme Court for a new trial. She is the first woman in Virginia to be convicted for violation of the prohibition law. The officers say they found two barrels of "old hen" in the woman's home. She claimed that she had bought the material for the purpose of making bread.

R. Kent Spiller, member of Governor Stuart's staff, has sent the following telegram to William Jennings Bryan, in connection with a statement Mr. Bryan gave to the press relative to the present German-American situation. "If we are to believe newspaper reports, you are the only public man in the country making treasonable utterances at this critical time. Can it be possible that you fail to realize the duty of a true citizen in the present national crisis?"

Charles Lincoln Benler, now in custody in Washington, has the distinction of being the first man to have a requisition issued for his return to this state of the charge of having violated the liquor laws. Benler stands indicted in the circuit court for Westmoreland of having sold three quarts of whisky. Before he could be apprehended he left the state and Commonwealth's Attorney Baker got on his trail and had him arrested in Washington. Governor Stuart honored the application for the requisition and the papers left for Washington yesterday afternoon, where J. H. Terrell, representing the county of Westmoreland, will take charge of the man and escort him back to Virginia.

Gertrude Miller, twenty-one years old, of Lynchburg, is a patient at Memorial Hospital, in Richmond as a result of taking mercury tablets. The girl is said to have taken the tablets after having a quarrel with a friend. She was brought to the hospital early this morning when it was stated that she had taken the poison yesterday morning at 716 East Franklin street, where she was visiting friends. It was stated at the hospital that she had absorbed a quantity of the drug, and that her condition was considered serious. She said that after taking several tablets she drank a quantity of water in an effort to get rid of as much of the poison as possible, having changed her mind as to a premature departure from this earthly sphere.

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Argentina praise the stand taken by President Wilson in the relations between the United States and the German government, but declare that the action of Mr. Wilson should not influence the other republics of the Americas to abandon their neutrality.

La Prensa, the leading newspaper of Argentina, in an editorial, sees in the United States a united nation, and that as such its attitude may be frankly discussed. It quotes President Wilson's expression of conviction that all neutral countries will adopt the same attitude as that of the United States.

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**CABINET HAS LONG SESSION.**

U. S. Envoy Hurries to Argentine Capital. Where Decision on U-Boats is Expected.

Buenos Aires, Argentina, Feb. 7.—Frederic Jesup Stimson, American Ambassador to the Argentine republic, has abruptly ended his stay at Mar Del Plata, one of the most fashionable of the winter resorts of this country, and has returned to the embassy in Buenos Aires. The crisis in the relations between the United States and Germany is the cause of Ambassador Stimson's return to this place.

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Windows Broken Till He Paid \$250 Graft, Says Builder.

Chicago, Feb. 7.—According to testimony yesterday of George H. Young, real estate man, and builder, breaking of windows in one of his structures did not cease until he had paid \$250 blackmail to Michael Boyle, Boyle, president, and three business agents of the Electoral Workers' Union and 11 members of the Chicago Switchboard Managers' Association are on trial in the United States District Court in the so-called labor graft cases.

Young testified that the wiring

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