



FORCES OF CROWN PRINCE ARE HALTED AT VERDUN; FURIOUS FRAY LULLS

Armies Are Deadlocked; Commentators Do Not Know Whether German Drive Has Spent Its Force or Whether Pause Is Prelude to Renewal; French Announce Signs of Teutonic Preparation West of Metz

Intermittent Bombardment Along Front During Night; Indications Point to Resumption of Aggressive to the South; Situation North of Fortress Is Satisfactory, Paris Announces; U-Boat Campaign Opens

The German offensive against Verdun, which had brought the Crown Prince's armies up to the inner lines of French defenses, has halted there, according to to-day's official statement from Paris.

The lull which yesterday gave signs of setting in now extends along virtually the entire front where the desperate struggles of the past week and more have been going on. There were no important developments at any point during the night, the French war office reports.

Unofficial commentators in entente capitals admit themselves at a loss to determine as yet whether the German drive has spent its force or whether the pause is simply the prelude to its renewal before the hard-won position at Verdun or elsewhere on the front.

Possibly significant in this connection is the French official statement that there are signs of German preparation behind the front west of Pont-a-Mousson, eighteen miles southwest of Metz and in the Moselle river region. The French guns have been pounding the second and third line German positions here, while an intermittent bombardment has been going on at various points along the front, at Remenauville, some half-dozen miles west of Pont-a-Mousson.

To-day's bulletin from Berlin confirms the French account of infantry inactivity along the front, the Verdun operations not being mentioned in the official statement. It is announced, however, that the artillery particularly in that of the numerous local operations such as the Germans carried out in several sectors of the front from time to time in the three weeks preceding the Verdun offensive, as it has not so far been followed up. Dispatches indicate the opinions of military observers that the German offensive, if it broadened appreciably, would be more likely to spread to the south than the north, the many signs of activity along the lines in upper Alsace and down to the Swiss border being pointed to in this connection.

Paris dispatches declare the situation north of Verdun satisfactory to the French, who have strongly fortified their positions from Cote du Poivre, four miles due north of Verdun, three miles to the east, along which line the German pressure above Verdun has been heaviest.

To-day marks the opening of the new German submarine campaign in which armed merchantmen are to be considered as warships and treated accordingly.

Steamer Sunk A report that the British steamer Thornaby, of 1,782 tons, had been sunk came this morning from London, but the dispatch did not reveal whether the reported sinking occurred before or after the new order became effective or whether the vessel was in the Italian parliament, which resembles to-day, it is expected that the question of a declaration of war by Italy against all the forces of the entente powers would be brought up. Italy has never declared war on Germany.

Russians Expect War Expenditures to Reach 11,000,000,000 Rubles Petrograd, March 1.—The budget,

THE WEATHER For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night; lowest temperature about 25 degrees; Thursday unsettled, probably snow or rain; warmer. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Partly cloudy to light; Thursday, snow or rain and warmer; moderate northwest to northeast winds. River The Susquehanna river and all its tributaries will fall slowly or remain nearly stationary. A stage of about 4.5 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Thursday morning. General Conditions The storm that was central along the South Atlantic coast, Tuesday morning has passed off seaward without any more precipitation except along the North Carolina coast and in Northern Florida, where some rain occurred. Weather conditions are unsettled over the western half of the country. It is 8 to 24 degrees colder in Colorado, Nebraska, the Dakotas, Wyoming, Utah and Montana and somewhat colder in the East Gulf States, the Carolinas, Northern Florida and in the Lake Region. Temperature: 8 a. m., 26. Sun: Rises, 6:37 a. m.; sets, 5:58 p. m. Moon: New moon, March 3, 10:58 a. m. River Stage: 4.5 feet above low-water mark. Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 34. Lowest temperature, 20. Mean temperature, 27. Normal temperature, 32.

presented to the duma yesterday, showed an ordinary estimated revenue of 3,022,049,318 rubles and an estimated ordinary expenditure of 3,224,838,878 rubles. The extraordinary expenses due to the war amounted to 8,000,000,000 in 1915 and are expected to reach 11,000,000,000 in 1916, if the war lasts the entire year. The latter expense, together with the budget deficit, must be received by means of credit operations. Finance minister, Pierre Bark,

Plans of U. S. Forts Found on Two Young German Army Officers

New York, March 1.—Plans of United States fortifications have been found in the possession of Richard von Arend and Rudolph von Kracht, two young Germans arrested here on a charge of operating the mails to the swiss, according to a statement made to-day by Assistant United States District Attorney E. W. McDonald. Von Arend and Von Kracht, who claim, according to the Federal authorities to be German army lieutenants were arraigned before a United States commissioner here to-day.

Commissioners Confer on Mothers' Pension Plan With Miss Glenn

If Dauphin county means to share in the mothers' pension plan action must be taken before May 30, as that is the date when the act providing for the plan is to be put into effect. Whether or not the county commissioners will go in for the movement will likely be considered Friday as the commissioners got some first hand tips on the problem this afternoon in a conference with Miss Helen Glenn, superintendent of the State mothers' assistance fund.

Siegel Is Rearrested as Term at "Pen" Expires

Rochester, N. Y., March 1.—Henry Siegel, New York banker and department store merchant, whose ten months' sentence in Monroe county penitentiary expired to-day, was rearrested this morning by Sheriff George H. Root, of Livingston county, on a warrant issued yesterday by District Attorney Wheeler, of Livingston county. With his attorney, Dallas C. Newton, Siegel was taken before Justice George A. Benton to arrange for bail.

AGED COUPLE FOUND DEAD

Reading, Pa., March 1.—Michael D. Young, aged 65, and his wife, aged 64, were found dead in bed at their home here to-day by a grandson. A gas jet was turned on and the windows and door were closed. The key to the gas jet moves at the slightest touch and it is believed that death of the couple was entirely accidental.

SEARCH FOR PRINCETON MAN

Princeton, N. J., March 1.—The authorities of Princeton University have asked the co-operation of the police of New York, Philadelphia and other nearby cities in a search for William West, a Senior at the university, who mysteriously disappeared last Thursday. West has not been seen or heard from since he ate breakfast at his class clubhouse Thursday morning.

FOURTH GERMAN LOAN TO BE OPENED MARCH 4

Amsterdam, March 1.—The fourth German war loan will be open for subscription from March 4 to March 22 in dual form. A five per cent. interest loan will be offered for subscription at \$98.50 the loan being redeemable before 1924, and four and one-half per cent. imperial treasury bonds will be offered at 95, the bonds being divided into ten series, redeemable one series at a time, by yearly drawing from 1923 to 1932.

ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH BUYS LOT

Marjorie Sterrett and Her Letter



THE TELEGRAPH takes pleasure in endorsing Marjorie's letter and the New York Tribune's movement for the purchase of a battleship by the dimes of Americans, outlined as follows: "Dear Sir:—I read in your paper every morning a lot about preparedness. My grandpa and great-grandpa were soldiers. If I was a boy I would be a soldier, too. But I am not, so I want to do what I can to help. My mamma gives me a dime every week for helping her. I am sending you this week's dime to help build a battleship for Uncle Sam. I know a lot of other kids who would give their errand money if you would start a fund. I am thirteen years old and go to Public School 9, Brooklyn. Yours truly, MARJORIE STERRETT. "I am a true blue American, and I want to see Uncle Sam prepared to meet all enemies like John Paul Jones did. "P. S.—Please call the battleship "America." Since this letter was printed dimes and dollars have flowed into The Tribune office, unceasingly. Other papers across the country have reprinted the letter and the dollars have flowed in upon them. The Telegraph joins in the movement. Send along your dimes.

SEND YOUR DIMES AND HELP BUILD BIG BATTLESHIP

Telegraph Lines Up With N. Y. Tribune, Enlisting Support of Boys and Girls

Have you read Marjorie's letter? She wants you to help her build a battleship, to be named the "America" and she has enough confidence in the patriotism and American blood of her fellow school girls and boys in all parts of the United States to believe that the ten million dollars necessary to put a new dreadnaught on the seas will be forthcoming. Marjorie's battleship idea is sweeping the country. This "true blue" little patriot's letter to the New York Tribune is self-explanatory and since it has been printed fourteen or more States have enlisted in the campaign to raise funds by voluntary contribution, and on last Sunday the total amount received in the Tribune office alone was \$1,629.65. The editors of over thirty newspapers, including the Harrisburg

Woman Runs to Street Her Clothing in Flames

While trying to fasten a canary bird cage bracket to the wall in the kitchen of her home, 1415 Penn street, this morning, Mrs. Esther Watson, aged 21, was severely burned about the arms, chest and back, when her clothing caught fire at the stove.

WAR VETERAN DIES

West Chester, Pa., March 1.—Geo. A. Mercer, a veteran of the Civil War, former postmaster of this place, and at one time member of council, died last night, aged 82. During his service as a soldier he was wounded several times, the last time in the battle of Gettysburg.

OIL STEAMER BURNING

Manchester, March 1.—The British steamer Spiraea, from Philadelphia, while discharging oil in barrels here, caught fire last night. The fire is still burning along the full length of the ship.

OFFERS "MADSTONE" TO STATE FOR CURING OF MAD DOG BITES

From a little town in Virginia far down on the Chesapeake bay the State Livestock Sanitary Board to-day received a letter offering the use of a "madstone" which the owner asserts has wonderful healing power, curing rabies and counteracting the effects of any poison. The writer, who merely made his mark to a letter filled with many misspelled words, declares himself "perfectly willing to offer my own life as a witness to the all healing and curing power that is embodied for society in the so-called Madstone. I seen the stone applied in several cases during my life; in every case it was a perfect cure. The stone was a present made to my grandfather, who was captain of a passenger ship 200 years ago." The owner of the madstone suggests that the livestock board try out the value of the stone and says he is safely returned. The State board will advise the Virginian that it has all faith in the Pasteur treatment for rabies.

LEADERS WITH WILSON ON VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

Plan to Defeat Anti-Administration Resolutions on Floor of House

DISSENSION WEAKENS

President Says He Must Have Unanimous Action on Foreign Policies

Washington, D. C., March 1.—At an early conference at the White House to-day President Wilson and administration leaders made plans for bringing the armed ship agitation in Congress to an end and a demonstration of unity to convince Germany that the American Congress stands behind the foreign policy of the government. The House Foreign Affairs Committee got ready for a meeting at 1 o'clock at which it was the plan to canvass the situation generally and refer the drafting of the resolution to a sub-committee. Despite the President's expressed desire that the vote come on a straight resolution of passage of warning resolution, the sentiment in the Foreign Affairs Committee and among administration leaders of both sides of the Capitol was not clearly defined and some of them thought the vote should come on an affirmative resolution. There appeared to be no agreement of opinion among the Republicans but it was indicated that most of them

Asserts He Bought Gypsy Girl For \$2,500; Father Insists He Only 'Lent' Her

San Francisco, March 1.—Asserting that fifteen-year-old Mariana Nareno, a gypsy girl, was sold to him for \$2,500 by her father in Denver, Mr. Adams, also a gypsy, stoutly maintained to the police that he owned the girl when she was found in his mother's home by Detective Fred Suttman, ending a search begun by her father a year and a half ago. Megill Nareno, father of the girl, asserts that he merely "lent" her to Adams in Denver in August, 1914, for two months to do housework. The girl told the police she did not wish to return to her father and that she intended to marry Adam's son, George 17 years old, when both were old enough. Adams, she said, took her from Denver to St. Louis and there engaged her to marry his son. After six months in St. Louis she said she was taken to Chicago, near Harper's Ferry, a Chicago father, great grandmothers and so on, all of them living, the oldest being 85 years and the youngest 44.

British Steamer Sunk; Members of Crew Either Killed or Drowned

London, March 1.—The British steamship Thornaby is reported to have been sunk, all the members of the crew having been killed or drowned.

Democratic Convention Plans to Invite Country to Re-elect Wilson

Syracuse, N. Y., March 1.—Party leaders planned to-day's informal Democratic State convention here to be considered as an invitation to the country at large to support President Wilson for re-election.

Big Traffic Squad Begins to Enforce New Code

Harrisburg's giant squad of traffic officers, at noon to-day officially began enforcing the new traffic regulations which were made by Captain of Police Joseph P. Thompson and Chief of Police J. Thomas Zell.

WARNING AGAINST WOMAN FROM ASSOCIATED AIDS

Numerous inquiries have been received at the Associated Aid societies, concerning a Mrs. McCann, who has been selling in name holders from door to door, and telling a story that she has a number of children to support. The Aid societies announced to-day that she is being provided for by that association, and needs no charity from individuals. John Yates, secretary of the Aid societies, issued a warning this morning to the residents of the city. The Mrs. McCann who has been asking charity is not Mrs. Mary McCann, who resides in South Second street.

PENNSY TO FINISH FREIGHT INCREASE PLAN THIS YEAR

On Eve on 70th Birthday Company Reports Biggest Year in Its History

EARNINGS \$375,000,000

Net Revenue \$42,425,322, An Increase of \$8,334,557; 8.09 on Stock

Completion of the increased freight facility program in this city, including the big new freight depot and additional trackage in South Harrisburg, will likely be accomplished by the end of this year, announces the sixty-ninth annual report of the Pennsylvania Railroad. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company will be 70 years old on April 13, and on the eve of its anniversary the company is enabled to make an annual report to stockholders in its history, the largest earnings in its history. Great gains were achieved in gross and net revenues, the income available for dividends on the \$498,203,700 of capital stock being equivalent to 8.49 per cent., as compared with 6.83 per cent. in the previous year. This is an increase of 1.66. The report, which covers operations for the year ended December 31, 1915, [Continued on Page 14.]

Maryland Boy Can Boast of Having Ten Grandparents

Hagerstown, Md., March 1.—The stork left at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Reynolds, living in Sandy Hook district, near Harper's Ferry, a bouncing boy baby who can boast of having ten grandparents—six grandmothers, great grandmothers, great great grandmothers, etc., and four grandfathers, great grandfathers and so on, all of them living, the oldest being 85 years and the youngest 44.

KINGS CONFER

Amsterdam, March 1.—It is announced from Vienna that King Ferdinand of Bulgaria has arrived in that city on a visit to Emperor Francis Joseph.

RESULT OF STRIKE VOTE HELD

Cleveland, O., March 1.—The result of the vote taken by the four railroad brotherhoods on the question of negotiating with the railways of the United States for an eight-hour day will not be made public until March 8.

SENATOR BURTON WITHDRAWS

Lincoln, Neb., March 1.—Former United States Senator Theodore Burton, of Ohio, to-day in a letter to Secretary of State Pool, asked that his name be withdrawn as a candidate for the nomination for President. His request will be granted.

GERMANY SENDS ULTIMATUM TO PORTUGAL

London, March 1.—Germany has sent an ultimatum to Portugal demanding the restoration within forty-eight hours of the German ships recently seized by that country, according to a dispatch from Madrid to Reuter's Telegram Company.

INCENDIARY FIRE BURNS \$300,000 STATION

Montreal, March 1.—The Bonaventure station of the Grand Trunk Railroad was destroyed by a fire believed to be incendiary, to-day. The loss is placed at \$300,000.

UNUSUAL COMPENSATION CLAIM

Harrisburg.—The question of whether compensation for a posthumous child of a man killed in a Pennsylvania industrial establishment since the Workmen's Compensation Act took effect has been placed before the State Compensation Board by a statement from Wilkes-Barre. It is contended by counsel for the widow that compensation should be allowed for the child from the time of the accident. The claim will probably be referred to a referee for decision.

AUTOS IN COLLISION

While backing his large touring car, J. ... sales manager of the Ford cars, at Third and Market streets, late this afternoon, with slight damage.

BUSINESS MEN DECRY LICENSING OF LENNOX HOTEL

Lack of Necessity and Detriment of Public Good, Pointed Out

MANUFACTURER TESTIFIES

John A. Affleck, James W. Barker Protest—County Hearings On

Vigorous reasons why, in the opinion of some of Harrisburg's well-known business men, the licensing of the Hotel Lennox, 442-428 Market street, to sell liquor would not only be unnecessary, but "detrimental to the public good," were expressed on the witness stand to-day in Dauphin county license sessions. The Manufacturers' Protest Ninth ward residents who protested in unqualified language against the licensing of another hotel in that ward were such well-known business men, manufacturers and professionally well-known men as James W. Barker, John A. Affleck, Charles L. Boyer and S. C. Boyer, a sales and purchasing agent for Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart's. Mr. Barker has been a leader in the combined campaign of the city church and the Dauphin Law and Order and No-License Leagues against the re-licensing of twenty or more of the old hotels and the licensing of any more new ones. Incidentally the efforts of C. H. Berger, counsel for Fishman, to have the testimony of Messrs. Barker and S. C. Boyer stricken from the record because these witnesses admitted that they are "consistently opposed to the liquor traffic" fell flat. The court promptly overruled the objection. The Question of Competency "We think," pointed out Mr. Berger, "that the testimony is not competent because the witnesses are incompetent to testify." "We'll consider the testimony," declared President Judge Kunkel, "and give it such weight as we think it requires. It is entirely competent. We require should be given it, however, another matter." And here some of the testimony Mr. Barker offered: "I do not think that the 'traveling public' are all men who want whiskey and beer," he declared in answer to a question as to why he did not think the license was a convenience to them. [Continued on Page 10.]

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Karl Earl Stewart and Mary Elizabeth Wade, city. William Alton Lyter and Margaret Campbell, city.