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TACKLE SHIP PROBLEM CREATED BY U-BOAT WAR

RUTHLESS WAR CAUSES VIRTUAL BLOCKADE OF ALL ATLANTIC PORTS

Question Regarded by Officials as Overshadowing Collateral Issues of Situation; Conditions Becoming Intolerable

NEW MINED AREA IN NORTH SEA ANNOUNCED

Will Enable Liners to Take Northern Route and Avoid Danger Zone; Decrease in Daily Tonnage Sunk by Teutons Noted With Wonder

Washington, Feb. 17.—What has virtually become a blockade of American Atlantic ports by Germany's ruthless submarine campaign was regarded by officials to-day as overshadowing the collateral issues of the situation.

That President Wilson soon will go before Congress to announce steps to relieve the situation was generally accepted view but no time has been set for his action and there was no indication of how soon it will be taken.

The effect on the country of the shipping situation was reflected in the receipt of hundreds of telegrams by government officials to-day urging that something be done to relieve the congestion.

Becoming Intolerable Officials recognize that the holding of the majority of American and other ships in port fast is becoming intolerable. Piling up of freight on railroads, while believed to be largely due to weather and other conditions, is nevertheless looked upon as in part the result of the inability of exporters to clear American ports of freight.

Means of protecting American ships against the submarine danger still are under consideration. Many officials believe the President has the power to direct the Navy Department to furnish these vessels with guns and gun crews. Nevertheless the possibility that a clash with Germany might result is expected to cause the President to go before Congress before taking such a step.

While the President and the Navy Department pondered the arming of merchantmen, Secretary McAdoo was preparing a list of vessels held in port, and Secretary Redfield was at work on a comprehensive analysis of the damage submarines are causing to shipping generally.

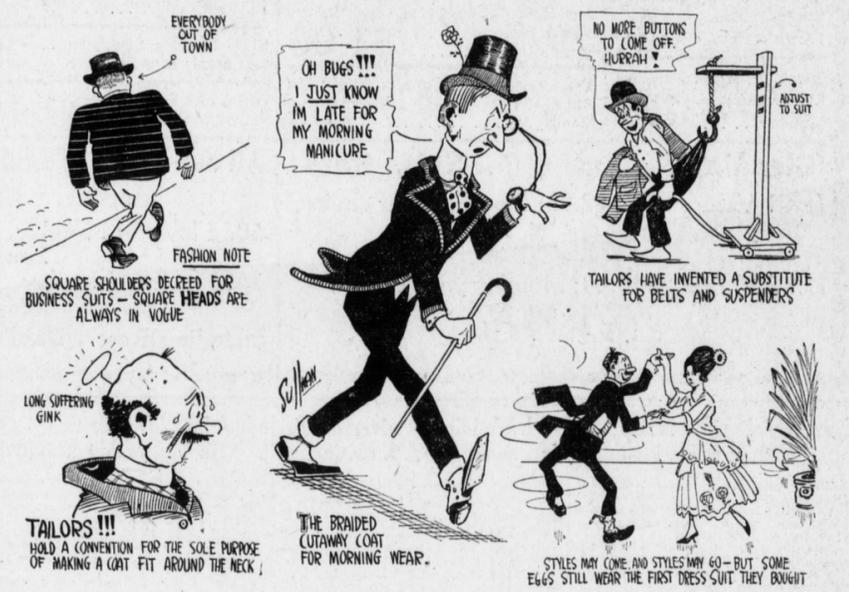
Proclaim New Mined Area Great Britain's proclamation of a new mined area in the North Sea to restrict the movement of German submarines to and from home ports, and the plans to make Halifax instead of Kipling a port of search for trans-Atlantic shipping between the United States and Northern European neutrals were expected to provide some relief from the general shipping congestion. By the latter plan vessels might avoid the war zone.

Officials also noted with considerable wonder that the aggregate tonnage of submarine victims was reported to be only a few thousand tons daily. The idleness of American ships was discussed at yesterday's cabinet meeting and officials emphasized that the main problem in the German-American relations now is the submarine campaign and its effect on American commerce. Inquiries concerning the unofficial reports that the Yarrowdale prisoners have been released by the German government and in regard to a train load of American consuls and other nationals long overdue in Munich, have been addressed to the Spanish ambassador in Berlin.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Probably light rain to-night, turning to light snow Sunday; warmer to-night, with lowest temperature about 36 degrees; much colder Sunday. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Probably rain to-night, turning to snow Sunday; warmer to-night, much colder Sunday; fresh to strong southwest, shifting to northwest winds. River The Susquehanna river and all its branches will probably remain nearly stationary without much change in the general ice situation, except possibly the Upper West Branch, a stage of about 6.5 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Sunday morning. General Conditions The storm that was central over the Lakes, Friday morning, has moved rapidly southward and is now central over the Lake region. It has caused snow generally in the States along the border and in Canada. Light snow fell Friday in the Upper Ohio Valley, Middle Atlantic and New England States. There has been a general rise of 2 to 18 degrees in temperature over much of the country east of the Mississippi river. Temperature: 8 a. m., 2 degrees above zero. Sun: Rises, 6:46 a. m. Moon: New moon, February 21, 1:13 a. m. River Stage: 6.3 feet above low-water mark. Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 54. Lowest temperature, 24. Mean temperature, 29. Normal temperature, 39.

SPRING STYLES FOR MEN



MOTORIZED MAIL COLLECTIONS AND DELIVERIES JULY 1

When the present postoffice is reopened July 1, after extensive alterations and additions have been completed, Postmaster Frank C. Sites announced to-day, that motorized delivery, collection and transportation of mail in this city will probably be started. At present most of the letter collection and parcel post collection and delivery is being done by horse-drawn vehicles. Bids are being advertised for, for a contract to furnish motorized service for this work for a period from July 1, 1917, to June 30, 1921. The proposals must be delivered at the office of the First Postmaster General, Postoffice Department, Washington, D. C., by 2:30 o'clock, March 28. Postmaster Sites stated to-day that with a motorized system the city will have unequalled collection and delivery service in all sections. The regular mail carriers will be retained for district work, but it is the plan to make all box collections by auto. To Hasten the Mail Motorized transportation will be used also, when the plans are completed, for taking mail from the postoffice to trains, bringing it from the station to the postoffice and carrying it between the Pennsylvania and Philadelphia and Reading stations, when transfers are necessary. Work will be started on Monday on the site roofing on one wing of the addition to the postoffice, and as soon as completed all interior work will be rushed. A large derrick in the northwest corner was removed to-day, and work will be started next week on the structural part of the roof. Practically all interior equipment is here. Postmaster Sites announced that will be installed as rapidly as possible. Included in the new equipment will be 1270 lock-boxes, and the city postoffice authorities are planning as nearly as possible to rope the same numbered boxes to present renters. Half the work on the first floor of the remodeled building has been finished, and when the work is completed on the wings, plastering and flooring will be rushed.

SAYS IT'S UP TO STATE TO WATCH DAIRY SOURCES

City Health Officer Declares Co-operation With City Is Necessary

Dr. J. M. J. Raunick, city health officer, to-day was pleased at the offers of co-operation made yesterday by milk producers and retail dairymen looking toward the prevention of possible disease epidemics and particularly toward immediate vaccination with anti-typhoid fever serum of all who come into contact with the city's milk supply. The need of a system of co-operation between the city and State where by the local health bureau could have first hand information as to contagious diseases on dairy farms that supply the city was dwelt upon to-day by Dr. Raunick. "Co-operation between the State and city is needed at all times," said he. "During last summer's epidemic of typhoid fever we worked together, but we ought to be together all the time so as to be a step in advance of the next epidemic. There is no system whatever by which a community is advised of the existence of disease in adjoining communities and only in epidemic is close co-operation established," said Dr. Raunick. Should Watch Supply To this statement the city health officer added the explanation that if the city were informed of farms on which contagious diseases have occurred, that the milk supply could be carefully watched, inspected and the determination made as to whether the supply ought to be pasteurized or shut off. Dr. Raunick said that such information should come from the State. He takes the position that it is just as necessary for the common good as periodic inspections of dairy farms. He pointed out one instance last year where milk was shipped into the city from a farm on which a severe case of scarlet fever was being treated,

U. S. WILL LIVE UP TO TREATY WITH GERMANY

Text of Explanatory and Supplemental Clauses Proposed as Protocol Made Public

Washington, Feb. 17.—The full text of the explanatory and supplemental clauses proposed by Germany as a protocol to the Prussian-American treaty were made public to-day at the State Department. Briefly, the protocol amplifies the treaty so as to place Germans in this country and Americans in Germany in a case of war on exactly the same footing as to all property rights, freedom from detention, concentration camps or segregation of property that are applicable to other neutrals. Nationals of either country might remain fully undisturbed in the other country as long as they please and not for the nine months' period provided in the treaty. To Live Up to Spirit Merchant ships of either nation might not be seized or driven to sea unless under a safe conduct to their home ports through all possible enemies and their captains and crews may not be made prisoners. Officers have pointed out that while Germany's violation of several provisions of the treaty may be taken by this country to have vitiated the convention, the United States will still continue to live up to its spirit. Two proclamations already have guaranteed that German ships or private German property will not, even in case of war be seized and used by this government. Little interest is shown by the State Department officials in the German proposal. There is no indication that any immediate action will be taken. Whether the new document constitutes in effect a new treaty subject to ratification by the Senate or whether it is a mere explanatory protocol is one of the points at issue. If it is shown to have new provisions or modify the sense of the earlier document Senate approval is essential.

GERMAN EMBASSY GAVE ORDERS TO DISABLE STEAMER

Captain of Kronprinzessen Cecelie Testifies Command Came From Official

KEEPS NAME A SECRET

Work Was Done to Prevent Vessel's Use in Event of Hostilities

Boston, Feb. 17.—Captain Charles A. Polack, of the North German Lloyd steamship, Kronprinzessen Cecelie, testified to-day in Federal court hearing on a petition for the sale of the vessel that he had been ordered by a man connected in an official capacity with the German embassy, to disable its machinery. This was done, he said, to prevent the ship's use by this government in the event of hostilities with Germany. He refused to divulge the name of the man giving the order. Captain Polack said he was in Hoboken, N. J., when he received the order and that he telegraphed his chief engineer here to disable the engines. The work of destruction was done on January 31 and February 1, he said. When asked by counsel for the petitioners to give the name of the person from whom the order was received, Captain Polack said: "Your Honor, I am an officer of the German navy and if I should have to disclose the name of this gentleman in this hearing, I might be tried for treason when I went home to Germany. I wish you would not oblige me to answer that question."

SETS BAIL BY LIES TOLD

Judge Landis Makes Another Record in Bench Mathematics Chicago, Ill., Feb. 17.—Levy Zimeroff, in women's cloaks, suits, corsets, waists, hosiery, etc., is not only a good talker, a businessman you understand, but he is also a fast talker. Federal Judge Landis will never forget it. He had the judge gasping for air yesterday morning when, at the first of his creditors brought against him. As Zimeroff concluded the judge remarked his glasses, he permanently replaced them on his nose. He looked at the man, then he waved his finger menacingly. "You're bound over to the grand jury in \$5,000 bonds for perjury, \$25 for each lie you told here, this morning," said Judge Landis. At \$25 each Zimeroff told 200 lies, according to Judge Landis. The judge tried to learn what became of Zimeroff's assets, but failed.

MAKES DAYLIGHT SAVING PERMANENT

Paris, Feb. 17.—The Chamber of Deputies adopted a bill permanently advancing the legal time one hour during the summer. The setting forward of clocks is to begin the first day in April, and this time will be in force until the first Sunday in October.

EARL WHITE, NEW POLICE OFFICIAL, TAKES HOLD TODAY



EARL M. WHITE

E. M. White, 2205 North Fifth street, this morning assumed his duties as complaint clerk at police headquarters. The appointment was confirmed yesterday after Council had abolished the office of Superintendent of Detectives and placed the plain clothes men under Police Chief J. Edward Wetzel.

White will have charge of the system that will be installed at police headquarters to keep a record of all complaints made. He will have charge of the assignments to each case officer makes. He will reflect the chief of much of the detail work of the department. Years of police court reporting have kept Mr. White in close personal touch with every officer on the force and given him countless friendships throughout the city.

Buller and Bent to Protect Fish From Steel Co. Drainage

The State Department of Fisheries has called upon the Bethlehem Steel Company to change its method of drainage wastes into the Susquehanna river at Steelton. An inspection of conditions along the river shore has been made by fish wardens and the reports will be taken up at once. Arrangements were made last night for a conference between General Manager Quincy Bent and Deputy Attorney General Buller and Commissioner of Fisheries Buller and Deputy Attorney General Davis at the Capitol on Tuesday, when a definite policy will be adopted, it being recognized that the steel works is a big proposition and the changes will require some time.

Up to Trolley Co. to Make Next Move in Jitney Protests

The Public Service Commission yesterday and to-day received answers from all of the jitney men complained of by the Harrisburg Railways Company and the company will now have to make the next move. It is likely that the company will press for hearings and that a date will be fixed within the next few weeks for presentation of cases.

Potatoes Sell at \$3.60; Highest in City's History

Take them or leave 'em at \$3.60 a bushel. This was about all the consolation Harrisburgers got to-day when they viewed the potato market and its soaring prices. Grocers throughout the city who charged these prices declared that many reasons were back of the latest increase in the cost of the tubers. Good grades of white potatoes, however, are being sold in the wholesale markets in Philadelphia at \$2.75. The price is said to be the highest ever demanded for potatoes in the history of the city. Housewives say it is virtually a dollar more than the highest price demanded in recent years. Early in the fall of 1915 potatoes sold in the local markets at 50 cents a bushel.

Harrisburg Rotarians to Attend Reading Conference

Harrisburg Rotarians will take a prominent part in the proceedings of the district conference of the Rotary Club which will be held in Reading on March 27. Arrangements for attending the conference will be made by the local club at a meeting to be called for the purpose early next month. A large delegation will go from this city. Among prominent men who will address the sessions are: George W. Harris, of Washington, D. C., an ex-district governor; Glen M. Philadelphia, past international president; F. W. Galbraith, Cincinnati, international first vice-president; and Guy Gundaker, international second vice-president. The district comprises the States of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia and includes twenty-four clubs. The conference will close with a big banquet in the evening.

BILL FOR STANDARD LOAF

The bill to establish a State standard for a loaf of bread is being prepared and will be presented in the Legislature next week. Chief James Sweeney, of the bureau of standards, has repeatedly urged such a standard.

F. AND M. ELECT

Seven directors are scheduled to be elected at the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Harrisburg Foundry and Machine Works to be held in the general offices of the corporation next Thursday morning.

STAMM GETS MANY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR W. B. ITTNER

Telegrams and Letters Boosting St. Louis Expert in School Construction Received by School Board President

FIVE MEN STILL LINE UP AGAINST SPECIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Greenfield, Ohio, Philanthropist Who Spent \$250,000 of His Own Money For School Tells of Expert's Ability

While the selection of an architect for the big building program planned by the Harrisburg School Board under the terms of the \$1,250,000 loan passed by the voters in November is still open, directors this morning said they expected something of a deadlock before the selection finally is made. Telegrams and letters from various points in the country to the advisory committee which recommended William B. Ittner, widely-known architect and school designer of St. Louis, have doubly impressed members of the committee and the directors who supported the St. Louis man, with Mr. Ittner's ability. Members of this advisory committee to which the Ittner recommendation was referred back by the Board after it was defeated five to four—this morning said they were unable to say when the matter would again be placed before the Board. It was strongly hinted, however, that the next report would be even more strongly in favor of Ittner's selection.

Mr. Ittner is in receipt of two telegrams and a letter from persons who strongly urge the selection of Mr. Ittner. Mr. Stamm said he was particularly impressed by the commendation from E. L. McClain, of Greenfield, Ohio. Mr. McClain recently took into his own hands the high school needs of his home city, contributed \$250,000 for the building and equipment of a building and engaged Mr. Ittner to draw the plans for the work. "It certainly is reasonable to presume that where a man spends that much of his own money that he is interested in getting the best," said Mr. Stamm. Mr. McClain's telegram to President Stamm reads follows: "I understand that you are considering employing a capable schoolbuilding architect, which prompts me to recommend for your favorable consideration Mr. William B. Ittner, of St. Louis, who was employed by me after making a most thorough investigation in connection with a high school building and equipment which I desired to donate to this community. I have found Mr. Ittner most thoroughly capable, painstaking, courteous and persevering at all times. My interest is

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WHEEL TORN FROM TRUCK

In attempting to make the turn at the eastern entrance to the South Second street subway last night, the front right wheel was torn from an automobile delivery truck belonging to Atland's French Cleaning and Dyeing works.

ENTENTE TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC WARFARE FOR AFTER PEACE

Berlin, Feb. 15.—By wireless to Sayville, Feb. 17.—According to an announcement in the NOVOE YREMA, SAYS THE OVERSEAS NEWS AGENCY, THE ENTENTE NATIONS PLAN TO HOLD A CONFERENCE FROM APRIL 12 TO APRIL 20 IN ROME. ALL THE ENTENTE COUNTRIES WILL BE REPRESENTED. IT IS SAID, IN ORDER TO DISCUSS "MEASURES OF ECONOMIC WARFARE" AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF PEACE.

BOMB AIRPLANE STATIONS

Berlin, Thursday, Feb. 15.—By Wireless to Sayville, Feb. 17.—It is officially stated, says an Overseas News Agency announcement to-day, "that German naval airplanes on February 14 copiously bombed airplane stations in the vicinity of Dunkirk and Coxyde. Good hits were obtained. A hydroairplane successfully bombed trading ships anchored in the Downs."

TWO U-BOATS SUNK 85,000 TONS

Berlin, Friday, Feb. 16.—By Wireless to the Associated Press, via Tuckerton, Feb. 17.—One German submarine returning to home base reports that during a period of 24 hours she sank merchant ships aggregating 50,000 tons. Another German U-boat has a record of sinking a total tonnage of 35,000 in five days.

SALAZAR THREATENED AMERICANS

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 17.—While at Sabinal, 98 miles south of Juarez February 8, Jose Ynez Salazar made a threat to attack Juarez and kill all of the Americans attending the Juarez races, according to a Mexican who escaped from Salazar's command at Sabinal and is here today.

GREW GOES TO AUSTRIA

Paris, Feb. 17.—Joseph C. Grew, formerly secretary of the American embassy at Berlin, who came here from Germany after the break in diplomatic relations with the United States, departed for Vienna last night to become counsellor of the American embassy there.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Frank Clayton Berry and Anna Catherine Hipple, Harrisburg.