



ASK AUSTRIA FOR CLEAR AND FINAL DEFINITION OF U-BOAT WAR ATTITUDE

PENFIELD PRESENTS REQUEST TO TEUTON FOREIGN MINISTER

U. S. Wants to Know Whether Assurances Given on Occasion of Ancona and Persia Incidents Are to be Regarded as Changed or Withdrawn

BREAK WITH TURKEY AND BULGARIA WOULD FOLLOW RUPTURE WITH AUSTRIA

Deep Concern for Americans in Near East Has Caused Delay; Ambassador Acting Under Explicit Instructions From Washington

London, Feb. 20.—Frederic C. Penfield, American ambassador at Vienna, is said by Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent, to have delivered to the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister a request for a clear and final definition of Austria-Hungary's attitude regarding submarine warfare.

The Amsterdam dispatch says that according to a telegram from Vienna Mr. Penfield handed an aide memoire to-day to the foreign minister requesting clear and final information as to what standpoint the Austro-Hungarian Government has assumed regarding submarine warfare and whether the assurances given on the occasion of the Ancona and Persia incidents are to be regarded as changed or withdrawn.

War With United States is Believed Certain by German Public

Copenhagen, Feb. 20.—Americans arriving from Berlin say their countrymen still in that city, appear optimistic as regards the crisis with the United States and are coming to believe matters will not go beyond the present status of ruptured relations.

Consul Denies Report That Troubles in Cuba are Due to German Intrigue

Paris, Feb. 20.—The Cuban consul at Havre has issued a statement denying reports that the troubles in Cuba are due to German intrigue, according to a Havre dispatch from that city.

SPROUL PROBE RESOLUTION IN HANDS OF GOVERNOR The Sproul resolution providing for an investigation of the government will be on the desk of Governor Brumbaugh late this afternoon.

Senae Convenes Twice Within an Hour To-day Washington, Feb. 20.—The Senate convened twice within an hour to-day and the chaplain delivered two prayers, once at 10.30 a. m. and again at 11 a. m.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair and colder to-night and Wednesday; lowest temperature to-night about 25 degrees.

THREE ASH MEN ARRESTED FOR 'CUSSING OUT' LYNCH

When City Commissioner W. H. Lynch remonstrated with three employees of the Harrisburg Reduction company because they were scattering ashes from a leaky wagon on Sayford street, this morning, they promptly advised the commissioner "to go to hell."

NEW BANK NOTES HERE

The First National Bank this morning received its first consignment of the new legal tender notes that are being issued by the Treasury Department.

SOON MORE PRECIOUS THAN PEARLS!



CITY INSPECTORS TO SUPERINTEND ASH COLLECTIONS

Council Authorizes Appointment of Eight Men to Look After Workmen

Eight inspectors, one to accompany each gang of men making ash and garbage collections, will be named by City Commissioner E. Z. Gross, and will be paid by the city, to oversee the work of all collectors in various districts.

POTATOES CLIMB IN PRICE WITH DEALERS AFRAID THAT SITUATION WILL BE WORSE

The price of potatoes was higher in Harrisburg to-day than at any time in the last century. The average price asked by retail dealers was \$2.40 per bushel and in some instances more.

VOTERS MAY BE ASKED TO PASS ON THREE LOANS

Money Needed For Parks and Paving and Possibly For Ash Collections

Three big improvement loans may be submitted to voters at the November election, city officials announced to-day.

TRIED TO HAVE NO-LICENSE MAN FIRED FROM JOB

Witness in License Court Tells of Attempt to Influence Employer

S. K. Boyd, one of the clerks in a downtown department store, testified in liquor license court this morning, that an effort had been made to have him discharged because he took the stand last year, and appeared against an applicant for a license at that time.

Samuel Kunkel Set Aside Bond of \$1,000 for Oratorical Contest

Samuel Kunkel, it was ascertained to-day, left in trust with the Mechanics' Trust Company a bond of \$1,000 for the perpetuation of the annual Kunkel oratorical contest in the high school.

POTATO BOYCOTT STARTS TO FORCE PRICES DOWNWARD

City Sealer Declares Dealers Are "Holding Out" to Get Utmost Penny

"DON'T BUY," HE URGES

Great Quantities on Hand Reel Learns From Reliable Sources

For the first time within memory thousands of dinner tables in Harrisburg to-day are without potatoes on the menu.

WE WANT BREAD MOTHERS SCREAM IN FOOD RIOTS AT NEW YORK CITY

City Appeals to Whole Country to Send Supplies as Disturbances Break Out in Tenement Districts; Trouble Follows Unprecedented Jump in Price of Staples

IRATE WOMEN MOB PUSH CART PEDDLERS

Burn Their Carts After Prices of Potatoes and Onions Soar and Pour Oil Over Vegetables; Mothers Complain They Are Unable to Get Enough Nourishment for Children

New York, Feb. 20.—The cry of housewives unable to meet advancing cost of food was heard in the city's seat of government to-day when several hundred women from the tenement districts stormed the City Hall screaming:

FAVORABLE REPORT CAR EMERGENCY BILL

Washington, Feb. 20.—The Esch car shortage bill, giving the Interstate Commerce Commission, in traffic emergencies, broad powers to suspend all car service rules and make any reasonable directions to meet the situation, was favorably reported to the House to-day by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

GAMBLERS FAIL TO APPEAR

Theodore Gough and William Dorman, arrested yesterday for operating a string of punch-boards in the city forfeited \$150 bail each to-day when they failed to appear for a hearing at the Mayor's office. The five men held as witnesses were released.

DIES IN CIGAR STORE

E. W. Hawkins, 45 years old, 1509 Berryhill street, died suddenly this afternoon in the cigar store owned by Edward Warden, 339 Reily street. Hawkins, who was an agent for a gasoline pump company, stopped in the store about 2 30 o'clock, saying he was sick. He died before medical assistance could be summoned. Apoplexy is believed to have been the cause of death.

MAYOR MEALS UNIMPROVED

Harrisburg.—Mayor E. S. Meals, who is in a serious condition at his home, is unimproved to-day.

FRENCH MAKE SURPRISE ATTACK

Paris, Feb. 20.—Active artillery engagements occurred last night between the Oise and the Aisne and in the region north of Flines. A surprise attack by the French resulted in the taking of prisoners.

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NEW FOUNDLAND SCHOONERS SUNK

London, Feb. 20.—The New Foundland fishing schooners, Mayola, 146 tons and Dorothy, 57 tons, have been sunk, Lloyd's shipping agency announces to-day.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Claude Weaver Atwine and Violet Ester Stahley, Hummelstown. Frank Matka and Anna Tomovic, Gettysburg. Martin Clarence Cobb Fickinger and Carrie Virginia Chicholm, Harrisburg.