



U. S. SAILORS ARE RELEASED

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Given Ten Minutes to Take to Boats; Four Other Vessels Torpedoed To-Day; Two Neutrals Among Them; Aggregate 9,743 Tons

Amsterdam, Feb. 22, via London. — A dispatch received here from Berlin says that the American sailors who were taken to Germany on the steamer Yarrowdale have been released.

The Americans were released, the dispatch says, after the German Government had been informed officially that German ships in America had not been confiscated and that their crews had not been interned.

FIVE AMERICANS ON SHIP SUNK

Four steamers, aggregating 9,743 tons, are on to-day's list of vessels sunk as a result of the new Teutonic blockade measures. Neutral vessels are again figuring in the sinkings reported. One of to-day's announced victims of the submarine operations was Dutch and another Norwegian. A Russian and a British steamer were the other two. In addition a British trawler was sunk.

Military operations during the last 24 hours so far as reported, were of the same relatively minor nature as for several days past. Washington, Feb. 22.—Sinking by a German submarine of the Swedish steamer Skogland, which had five Americans aboard, after the crew had been given ten minutes to take to their boats, was reported by Consul General Hurst, at Barcelona, Spain, in a message to-day to the State Department. No one was injured and the crew landed safely at Tarragona, Spain.

The Skogland, a vessel of 1837 tons net, sailed from Norfolk, January 26, for Bagnoli, Italy. Consul General Hurst, in his dispatch, said there were 25 in her crew, five of whom claim American citizenship. He gives their names as James Brainer, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Leo Cartright, Portsmouth, N. H.; Jack Burke, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Jay Lewis, Uniontown, Pa.; and Joseph Brown, Elizabeth, N. J.

BELIEVE FOOD FAMINE WILL BE AVERTED BY BIG RUSH SHIPMENTS

Washington, Feb. 22. — Threatened food and fuel shortages in many localities caused by freight congestion and car shortage seemed to-day to have been averted by drastic orders of the railroads, co-operating with the Interstate Commerce Commission, to rush special shipments to needy towns or cities. American Railway Association officials declared the danger of inadequate supply of living necessities because of transportation problems had lessened greatly within the last two weeks and the possibility of a general shortage throughout the East was slight. The death of freight cars is less than a year ago, they said.

Taylor's Check For Duplications Ready Since February 5

Counsel for Samuel Taylor to-day notified County Solicitor Philip S. Moyer that he has had on his desk since February 5 check in the sum of \$8, signed by Mr. Taylor, covering duplications in his sworn statement for services as Jury Commissioner, two items of which have been rejected by the County Commissioners. The explanation was made that the check had not been forwarded due to press of other business. The sum covers duplications for services March 8 and August 18, 1916.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Partly cloudy to-night; somewhat colder Friday, probably snow or rain, with rising temperature; moderate to fresh northwest, shifting to east winds. Temperature: 8 a. m., 34 degrees above zero. Sun: Rises, 6:58 a. m. Moon: First quarter, February 25, 11:48 a. m. River Stage: 6.8 feet above low-water mark. Legal holiday; no river calculations made. Yesterday's Weather: Highest temperature, 38. Lowest temperature, 25. Mean temperature, 32. Normal temperature, 31.

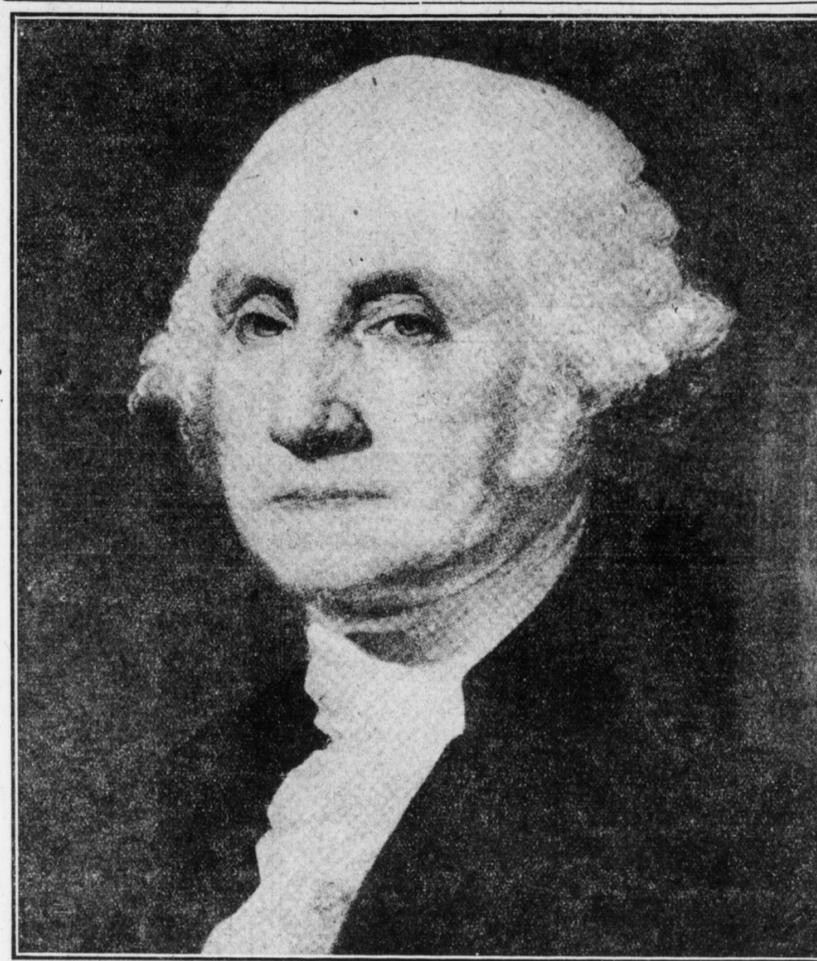
Burgess Finds Man He Hauled to Lockup in Wheelbarrow is Gone

After going to all the trouble to haul a drunk around town hall in a wheelbarrow, Burgess J. Fred Hummel, of Wormleysburg, to-day is on a manhunt to find the person or persons who released his prisoner. Burgess Hummel, late last night, found the inebriate sound asleep in front of the hall. No copper in sight, the Burgess finally discovered a wheelbarrow and converted it into a police patrol. At the lockup a watchman was put in charge, but this morning both guard and prisoner were gone.

Third Penna. Artillery Coming Home Mar. 13

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 22.—Additional dates announced at Southern department headquarters to-day for the departure of state troops from the border. Arrangements will be made for the opening of the season, and for the track meets to be held in May and June. Improvements this year will include lengthening the running track from one-sixth to one-quarter mile. It was shortened last year because of work on the erection of the new Cumberland Valley railroad bridge, necessitating the use of some of the ground for machinery. No work will be started, however, until after the spring floods.

GEORGE WASHINGTON



Born February 22, 1732

Died December 14, 1799

During the awful winter of 1777-78 at Valley Forge, when his men were without food and when their bare feet left tracks of blood on the snow, he went off to the woods, alone, bared his head, knelt on the hard-frozen snow and prayed for aid.

"I knew the Colonies would win," said a prominent Quakeress, who had seen the devotions unobserved from her farmhouse window, "because their general placed his trust in the Lord."

WASHINGTON DAY MARKED BY REAL AMERICAN SPIRIT

Wide Observance of Day Honoring Father of His Country

Real old-fashioned Americanism sparkled to-day in the early celebration of the birthday anniversary of the nation's first President, while numerous committees worked hard all day putting the finishing touches to patriotic exercises scheduled for this evening at the close of Washington's Birthday.

Aside from the more formal programs, banquets and meetings, hundreds of informal little parties are planned for this evening.

Confectioners and others who make a specialty in little favors such as replicas of the famous hatchet, to say

Patriotic Sons Endorse Governor Brumbaugh

The following resolution, endorsing Governor Brumbaugh's administration, was put before the P. O. S. of A. convention this afternoon:

Resolved, That we view with apprehension the unenviable spectacle of the destruction of the comprehensive influence for the good of our State, and the rapid advancement of the cause of education, in the proposed investigation of Governor M. G. Brumbaugh.

"That we believe in Governor Brumbaugh as a staunch and loyal friend of the public schools, and a great advocate of the large benefits to accrue to the people by the operation of the school code in friendly hands. Much has been accomplished on these lines of vocational schools, the complete control and ownership of the normal schools, the augmenting of the permanent school fund and the general acceptance of the worth of the school code as a whole.

Track on Island Will Be Lengthened by Committee

Members of the Harrisburg Track Athletics Committee will meet next week in the offices of the City Park Department, in the Calder building. Arrangements will be made for the opening of the season, and for the track meets to be held in May and June. Improvements this year will include lengthening the running track from one-sixth to one-quarter mile. It was shortened last year because of work on the erection of the new Cumberland Valley railroad bridge, necessitating the use of some of the ground for machinery. No work will be started, however, until after the spring floods.

WASHINGTON IS HONORED BY ENTIRE NATION

Frequent Reference to International Situation During Observances

Washington, Feb. 22. — President Wilson participated in George Washington's birthday exercises here to-day at which frequent reference was made to the present international situation.

"It is much less of an adventure to write history than to try to enact it." There is no danger of a coal famine in Harrisburg, dealers said this morning. A fair amount is stored in the various yards. The price, however, is advancing steadily.

City Sealer Weighs Coal for Consumers Suspicious of Carts

Suspicion on the part of Harrisburg that the cars and wagons now being pressed into service by one or two city coal dealers do not carry full weight in the amount of fuel delivered are being investigated by H. D. Reel, city sealer of weights and measures. The wagons are said to have been put in use because of the big demand for coal.

Further Changes Rumored in Harrisburg Diocese

Rumors of further changes in the clergy of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg could not be verified to-day. Bishop Philip R. McDevitt was out of the city. The Rt. Rev. Monsignor M. M. Hassett, D. D., who was transferred from St. Patrick's Cathedral to Shamokin, left yesterday to visit his new charge.

Red Men Plan For a Tri-County Association

Final arrangements for the permanent organization of what will be known as the Tri-County Association, Improved Order of Red Men, were completed at a meeting held last night in Warrior Eagles wigwam, Verbeke and Fulton streets. All the tribes of Perry, Cumberland and Dauphin counties were represented, and temporary officers were elected, as follows: Chairman, Richard Chelweh, Pocahontas Tribe No. 133; secretary, H. E. Sanderson, Warrior Eagle Tribe No. 340.

After interesting talks by great chiefs the following committee was appointed on organization and by-laws: William Manning, No. 243, Steelton; Park McCormick, No. 61, Harrisburg; A. J. Keller, No. 91, Harrisburg; H. M. Kliekner, No. 94, Mechanicsburg; Sherman Ashenfelter, No. 231, Harrisburg; Charles Lilly, No. 421, West Fairview; Lester Motter, No. 57, Harrisburg; and George Hife, No. 315, Middletown. The next meeting for organization will be held in Steelton on March 8, in the wigwam of Paxtang Tribe No. 212.

CUBAN FORCES PREPARING FOR DECISIVE FIGHT

Havana Believes Both Sides Are Gathering For Supreme Effort at Camaguey

Havana, Feb. 22.—For the third successive day no word of fighting has reached the capital, and the belief is growing that both sides are gathering their forces for a supreme effort at Camaguey.

Colonel Pujol, whose forces co-operated with those of Colonel Collazo in taking of Sancti Spiritus, is reported as already having crossed from Santa Clara province into Camaguey province, and it was intimated in a well-informed quarter to-day that he probably will attack the Camaguey capital to-morrow. Santiago de Cuba, apparently, is to be left in the hands of the rebels until Camaguey has been cleared.

A report reached Havana to-day that the American steamer Twives from Jamaica for New York by way of Santiago de Cuba, left Santiago last night crowded with Americans residing in Santiago and tourists who had been unable to leave because of the uprising. According to this report the steamer officials had suspended the regular stop of the Twives at Santiago on account of the situation there, but the American consul, in agreement with the commander of the two American warships there, ordered her to enter the harbor to take off the Americans.

It is reliably stated that President Monroel is preparing a proclamation granting amnesty to those members of the military who have been obliged to take up arms against his government by orders of their superiors, and to all civilians involved in the revolt who lay down their arms. It is said to be his intention to allow such soldiers to be reincorporated in the army. Reports from many officers in the field given out at the palace continue to show an undiminished number of insurgents surrendering to the loyal forces.

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ULTIMATUM TO GARBAGE FIRM BY E. Z. GROSS

Tells Gardner City Will Take Over Work Unless Clean-Up Is Hurried

TO NAME INSPECTORS Will Make Bonding Company Pay Bill if Health Department Takes Over Work

City Commissioner E. Z. Gross served notice this morning on Samuel Gardner, of the Pennsylvania Reduction Company, that unless a general cleanup of all ashes and garbage accumulated all over the city, is started next Monday and completed within a reasonable length of time, the city will take over the work at once. J. Raunick, Commissioner Gross and Oliver P. Keller, of the city health bureau, held a lengthy conference this morning.

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Evidence Pointing to Wide Ramifications of Alleged German Spy Plot

New York, Feb. 22.—Evidence pointing to wide ramifications of an alleged German spy plot in this country will be laid before the Federal grand jury, called to meet here to-morrow. It is understood that the Department of Justice is particularly desirous of investigating methods used to get American passports by aliens not entitled to them.

The first cases to come before the jury will be those of Albert Sander and Karl W. Wunenber, accused of violating the neutrality laws in sending men abroad to obtain British war secrets for Germany.

Federal officials, it was learned to-day, are searching for other persons involved in this alleged conspiracy. Three men now under arrest, one in England and two in Holland, will be brought here as witnesses in this investigation.

PRICE PROBLEM MAKES PRODUCE MEN PESSIMISTS

Potatoes Jump 65 Cents a Bushel to Wholesaler Dealers Over Night

HOUSEWIVES NOT BUYING Middlemen Say Real Shortage Confronts Growers, Merchants and Consumers

The wholesale price of potatoes to produce jobbers jumped 65 cents a bushel over night in the great potato growing centers in the middle west, local dealers said this morning. Pessimism concerning any immediate relief in prices to the consumer seemed to reign generally in produce circles. It was said that the freezing of crops in southern states has put another barrier which cannot be removed for some time between the housewife and normal prices.

In the middle west where the price was jumped last night to \$2.65 a bushel a demand was made that purchasers deposit a certified check before the potatoes will be loaded in the cars. This, it was said, was to prevent any cancellation of orders and applies to every jobber regardless of his credit standing.

Opinion concerning the result of the widespread boycott against the tubers among the housewives of this city was diversified this morning. Grocers expressed various opinions as to the outcome while wholesalers in the main expressed the opinion that the boycott might operate as a boomerang and result in forcing the prices still higher by reason of keeping shipments out of the district. It was certain, however, that housewives were saving money by not buying potatoes and making use of the many substitutes. W. Arthur Baptisti, head of the Gardner-Baptist Company, this morning attributed the high prices entirely to an extraordinary shortage due to small crops, freezing and an increased demand. He said that the supply now held by farmers in this vicinity was about exhausted. Men have scoured the country heretofore within the last few days, he said, and have been unable to find farmers with potatoes on hand.

DISCUSS WORLD-WIDE PEACE

New York, Feb. 22. — Conferences at which the outlook for preserving world-wide peace at the close of the present war was discussed, were held here to-day attended by men and women from all parts of the country, who represented the World's Court League and other organizations interested in international affairs.

P. O. S. OF A. ENDORSES WILSON'S COURSE

Harrisburg. — At the annual convention of the Dauphin Southern District P. O. S. of A., in session here resolutions were adopted asking President Wilson to give the Pennsylvania Reserves of the P. O. S. of A. rifles for immediate training service, approving the stand of the President in the present international crisis, and pledging the support of the district in case of war.

BOULDERS FALL ON CAR TRACKS

Several heavy boulders slipped onto the tracks of the Valley Railways Company near the corporation's car barns shortly after noon to-day. The rocks fell two minutes before a New Cumberland car arrived at the point.

EMBARGOES ARE IMPOSED

New York, Feb. 22. — The American Railway Association issues a statement to-day on behalf of the car service commission which is co-operating with the Interstate Commerce Commission in the car shortage situation, in reply to the request made upon the eastern railroads yesterday by J. P. Griffin, president of the Chicago Board of Trade, that embargoes be imposed upon all eastbound commodities except fuel and foodstuffs.

COMPLAIN OF SNOWBALLING

A dozen complaints about the snowballs thrown by small boys reached the police to-day. One woman demanded police protection when a snowball knocked a pie, just bought for dinner, out of her hand.

URGES PROTECTIVE TARIFF

Washington, Feb. 22. — Reasonable protective tariffs and a bold issue to provide for military preparations were proposed to-day by Senator Weeks, Republican, of Massachusetts, as substitute provisions for the administration revenue bill.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Charles Carl Zebell, Swatara township, and Laura Esther May Shoop, Breckinridge. Joe Martino and Esther May Dively, Steelton. Harold Albert St. Peter and Margaret Cronin, Harrisburg. John Leroy Edward and Carrie Anna Dreyer, Harrisburg. Paul C. Hoover and Lizzie M. Klinger, Lykens township.