



U-BOAT SINKS AMERICAN SHIP; NAVAL GUN CREW IS MISSING

GERMAN SUBMARINE ATTACKS VESSEL ON WAY BACK TO U. S.

One Boat Carrying Survivors in Charge of First Mate Safe; Captain and Gunners in Missing Life Craft; Fifteen of Crew of Thirty-Four Are American Citizens; Vacuum Sailed For England Four Weeks Ago and Was on Return Trip Home When Attacked

London, April 30.—The American oil tank steamer Vacuum has been sunk. The captain and part of the crew and the naval lieutenant and nine American naval gunners are missing.

The Vacuum was sunk by a German submarine on Saturday while she was on the way to the United States. The chief mate and 17 men, including three of the American navy gunners have been landed.

By Associated Press New York, April 30.—The American steamship Vacuum, commanded by Captain S. S. Harris, of this city, left New York on March 30 for Birkenhead, England, carried a crew of 34 men, of whom fifteen were American citizens, including nine native born.

The Vacuum, formerly the steamship Bayamon, was owned by the Vacuum Oil Company of California. She was built in 1912 at Ecorse, Mich., and was brought to the Atlantic by way of the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence river and converted into a tank steamer.

As signed here before the United States Commissioner the Americans besides Captain Harris were: Oscar Galles, mate, Russian, naturalized; Frank J. Yerney, second mate, Belgian, naturalized; E. D. Husted, third mate, Mount Vernon, N. Y.; John Kirk, chief engineer, Scotch, naturalized; John Simpson, assistant engineer, English, naturalized; New York City; Francis J. Davison, assistant engineer, Swedish, naturalized; R. Williams, assistant engineer, born in Wisconsin; J. Wilkins, born in New York; W. H. Crane, steward, Brooklyn; Thomas Ellis, Albany, N. Y.; L. J. Hatton, wireless operator, Niagara, Wis.; Joseph Mullen, Brooklyn, and R. Puzie and J. McDoug, both of San Juan, P. R.

P. R. R. GLEE CLUB AT BLISS Harrisburg Elks have a social evening arranged for to-morrow night, when the Pennsylvania Railroad Glee Club will offer a musical program.

NEW BRIDGE FOR PENNSY Lewistown, Pa., April 30.—The Pennsylvania Railroad Company will begin the erecting of a five-span iron bridge over the Juniata river at this point to succeed the one now in service on the Sunbury branch. This bridge has been under construction since the flood of 1889 and has become too light for the heavy equipment of the present day.

THE WEATHER For Harrisburg and vicinity: Unsettled weather to-night and Tuesday, probably showers; not much change in temperature. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Increasing cloudiness, probably followed by showers late to-night and on Tuesday; moderate temperature; moderate, variable winds.

River The Susquehanna river and all its tributaries will continue to fall slowly or remain nearly stationary to-night and probably Tuesday. A stage of about 4 1/2 feet is indicated at Harrisburg Tuesday morning.

General Conditions Cloudy and unsettled weather prevails over the greater part of the United States. It was snowing in Montana and Southwestern Pennsylvania at 8 a. m. today.

Temperature changes have been slight and somewhat irregular over most of the country since Saturday morning; rises of 2 to 5 degrees are reported from most of the country east of the Mississippi river, except along the Atlantic coast from South Carolina to Maine, including East Tennessee, where it is two to eight degrees cooler.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 52 degrees. Sun: Rises, 4:59 a. m. Moon: Full moon, May 6. River Stage: 4 1/2 feet, at Harrisburg Tuesday morning.

Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 61. Lowest temperature, 43. Mean temperature, 52. Normal temperature, 56.

Trolley Conductor on Second Street Line Is Victim of Smallpox

The first case of smallpox in the city in two years was reported to the city health authorities to-day.

The victim, John Theal, who resides in Derry street near Twenty-sixth street, is a conductor of the Harrisburg Railways Company, and was working on Saturday on the Second street line.

Immediate steps to prevent a spread of the disease were taken by health officials. Dr. J. M. J. Raunick, health officer, ordered all Railways Company cars fumigated, and all employees vaccinated. This was started at once.

A warning has been issued by the health department to all residents of the city, advising them to be vaccinated so as to immunize them against the disease.

In 1915 a case of smallpox developed in the city but precautions taken by the health officials at that time prevented contagion, with the result that it was the only case on record until the one which was reported to-day.

Park Extension Bills to Be Rushed

The bills to appropriate \$500,000 for the grading, street improvements and other work in Capitol Park extension will be on the calendars by the end of this week.

Chairman Woodward, of the House Appropriations Committee, will have charge of the bill in the House. He will present it to-night and it will be referred to a joint subcommittee to-morrow and when this committee decides how much can be allowed there will be a report out. The bill should be back in the House by Wednesday afternoon.

New Hotel Charter Will Be Signed Today

The application for the charter for the new Penn-Harris Hotel Company, which was laid before Governor Brumbaugh upon his return to Harrisburg from Philadelphia late to-day.

The Governor will sign it promptly as he expressed himself as heartily in favor of the project some time ago, especially commanding the proposition to have it as a "dry" hotel.

BRAZIL TO BE NEUTRAL

Rio de Janeiro, April 28. (Delayed) —The Brazilian government issued a proclamation of neutrality to-day in respect to the war between the United States and Germany.

KING MAY QUIT

London, April 30.—The report that King Constantine of Greece is soon to abdicate is reiterated in a dispatch from Rome to the Star which says it has been confirmed from neutral diplomatic sources. It is suggested that the King and Queen may land at an Italian port and proceed overland to Denmark.

BANKS TO HELP

Washington, April 30.—Assurances have been received by the Federal Reserve Board from scores of State banks, and trust companies throughout the country that they will enter the Federal Reserve system upon the passage of amendments broadening the scope of the law now before Congress.

PRESIDENT AIDS IN GETTING ARMY BILLS INTO SHAPE

Administration Very Much Against 40-Year Age Limit For Soldiers

Washington, April 30.—President Wilson and Secretary Baker to-day took up differences between the Senate and House army bills. The conferees adjusting differences between the two houses will be informed as a result of where the administration stands on disputed points.

Until that time, the bill fixed in the Senate Bill are preferred by the administration since they more nearly approximate the desire of the War Department for age limits of from 19 to 25 years. The limits from 21 to 40, fixed by the House, are unsatisfactory to the administration.

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Robert B. Reeves Accepts Secretaryship of Y.M.C.A.; Will Come Here June 1

Robert B. Reeves has accepted the call to the secretaryship of the Harrisburg Young Men's Christian Association, according to a telegram which was received here this morning.

Mr. Reeves has consented to spend a month at the International Committee Headquarters, New York, working with the war council and will help in starting the work until a trained purchasing agent is secured.

U-Boat Losses Growing Admiralty Lord Admits

London, April 30.—Replying to questions in the House of Commons to-day Sir Edward Carson, first lord of the admiralty, said that as the number of German submarines had been increased the danger to shipping must be expected to increase in proportion.

As a matter of fact during April, he said, the loss to shipping in the English channel had been less than in any preceding three months. This was partly due to the increase of submarines in other areas and partly as the result of an increased number of patrol boats in the English channel.

MAN BURNED TO DEATH

Mt. Union, Pa., April 30.—In a fire which occurred about 2 o'clock Sunday morning, Henry Varner, was burned to death at his home. The cause of the fire is unknown. The man lived alone, his wife being dead. He was a brother of Simon Varner, whose wife and three children were burned to death while in bed during a fire here three years ago.

BREWERS FINED \$50,000

Pittsburgh, April 30.—A total of \$50,000 in fines was assessed by Judge W. H. S. Thompson in the United States District Court here to-day, against the thirty-three Pennsylvania brewing companies which last Saturday entered pleas of nolo contendere to indictments charging the "white light" belt in Broadway, which must close from 1 a. m. until 6 a. m.

"PAPA" JOFFRE, THE IDOL OF THE POILU



The poilu—that's the man in the trenches—knows him, not as a marshal of France, as Marshal Joffre, but as "Papa" Joffre, the genial, gentle, manly man, who saved a people in its hour of danger. "Papa" Joffre is a smiling man and the photographer in Washington caught him twice in the mood which earned for him the title of "Papa" Joffre.

CHARGES MADE BY ITTNER ARE UNANSWERED

Friends Say Mr. McIlhenny Will Have Statement to Make Soon

The charge made by William B. Ittner, the St. Louis architect, that through a third party, George W. McIlhenny offered to procure his selection as architect of the new high school buildings if he would pay him one-fifth of his commission remained unanswered to-day.

Mr. McIlhenny, when reached on the telephone at his office in Chestnut street Hall late this afternoon, said that he would have a statement to give to the newspapers before the end of the week.

Mr. Howard Lloyd, designer of most of the school buildings erected in Harrisburg in the past twenty years, said to-day that he felt his reputation as an architect and a gentleman had suffered by inference in the statements and affidavits published Saturday.

In his own defense, he declared, he is put to the necessity of preparing a statement for the public detailing at length his connection with the school board in the present controversy and covering his past relations.

"In the meantime I desire to say that the imputation that I have been collecting commissions either for myself or for another are absolute lies. There has never been heretofore a breath of suspicion as to my manner of handling all of the various contracts, and I submit whether or not it sounds reasonable that I could have continued business all these years if guilty of such unethical practices."

BRITISH ARMY DRIVES FORWARD FOOT BY FOOT

Tens of Thousands of Germans Hurdled in Vain Against Line

The battle of Arras still rages with the issues remaining in doubt. For six days torrents of blood have flowed and the armies of Britain and Germany yet struggle for the mastery in a conflict which baffles super-tens of thousands of reserves have been hurled against the British front by Field Marshal Von Hindenburg in a supreme effort to check the British advance, but so far without avail.

Almost literally foot by foot General Haig is forcing his stubborn foe back. Both sides are fighting with a resolution as grim and savage as any the war has shown and it seems to be a question as to which can take command of the recently-created Prussian autocracy.

VIVIANI MEETS WILSON TO TALK OVER WAR PLANS

Groundwork Laid For Part U. S. Is to Play in Great Work

Washington, April 30.—The British and French commissions began their second week of conferences to-day with preliminaries cleared away and the groundwork laid for perfection of the part the United States is to take in the grand alliance for overthrow of Prussian autocracy.

M. Viviani, head of the French mission, accompanied by Ambassador Jusserand, had an hour's conference with President Wilson. No announcement was made about the meeting but it was understood the needs of France and the co-operation of the United States were fully discussed.

PUBLIC FAVORS COL. ROOSEVELT'S DIVISION PLAN

Middle West Enthusiastically Endorses Former President's Stand

Chicago, April 30.—A great public demand for a Roosevelt division, to go immediately to France has gone up from the middle west, following the Colonel's speeches here on Saturday.

Great meetings adopts resolutions urging Congress to adopt law for Roosevelt division.

Senators Curtis, Smith and Lodge endorse Roosevelt plan in the Senate.

New York reports thousands clamoring to serve with the Colonels.

Plans to give thousands of students in the grammar and high schools of the city an opportunity to do farm work during the spring and summer were recommended to the school board in special session this afternoon by the teachers' committee.

This step was taken as part of the national preparations to produce an adequate food supply during the war.

The program as outlined by the committee places the grade school work under the supervision of committees organized by the five district school supervisors. Students engaged in garden work are to be excused at afternoon recess.

High school students who enlist in farm service are to be excused from school duties after tomorrow, if the plans are approved finally to-day.

The program recommended by the committee follows: Grade Schools Five (5) supervisors of districts who will organize committees to serve for periods of three or four weeks.

Committees to perform the following duties: Make survey of city for available garden plots; get size of plots and quality of soil; prepare list of pupils who are willing to do garden work.

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EXPECT GUARD RECRUITING TO TAKE BIG JUMP

Passage of Conscription Bill It Is Believed Will Lead Men to Join

ADVANTAGES ARE MANY Places Rookies in Companies With Men They Know; Many Groups Drill

Now that Congress has passed the Selective Conscription bill in almost the same form as presented by the War Department, it is expected that by the end of the present week the local units of the National Guard will be recruited to their full strength.

In various parts of the city and surrounding towns groups of from eight to fifty-four men are engaged in drilling under the supervision of one or more officers and noncommissioned officers of the National Guard.

This is notably true of Hummelstown and of the main office force of the Pennsylvania railroad, each of which are spending two evenings a week perfecting themselves in the school of the soldier and school of the squad.

From each of these it is learned a large list will apply for enlistment during the present week, and as each group is made up of young men of military age, the end of the present week should find all

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ANALYSIS SHOWS 1,300 YOUTHS IS DAUPHIN'S QUOTA

County Must Furnish These at Each Call; List Low Because of Guard Enlistments

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MARKET CLOSING STRONG

New York, April 30.—Alcohol and General Motors were the main features of the last hour, scoring extreme gains of to 5 points on steady accumulations. The closing was strong. Pool activities in specialties, chiefly Industrial Alcohol, Motors and oils, all at substantial advances, contributed largely to to-day's listless market. Sales were estimated at 350,000 shares.

WANT TARIFF RULING MODIFIED

Harrisburg.—Representatives of the P. R. R., the Reading and other leading railroad companies of Pa. appealed before the Public Service Commission to-day to ask that certain modifications be made in the rules regarding the publication of tariffs, in order to save time and money in putting readjustments recently granted in force.

Washington, April 30.—Appropriations of \$2,699,485,281 to meet urgent deficiencies in the army and navy are included in a bill favorably reported to the House to-day by the Appropriations Committee.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES

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