



TEN SURVIVORS OF NAVAL TUG CHEROKEE SAVED FROM RAFT

GERMANY REFUSES ARMISTICE; SLAVS BATTLE HUN HORDE

Despite Chancellor Von Hertling's Declaration That Germany's Intentions in East Are Not Aggression and Aggrandizement, Teuton Military Authorities Push Toward Russia's Capital; Uncertain Who Holds Pskov; Russia Will Defend Country Against Huns, Is Official Message Given Out

By Associated Press

Washington, Feb. 27.—Although Chancellor von Hertling has declared Germany's intentions in the east were not aggression and aggrandizement, German military authorities have declined to grant an armistice on the Russian front in view of the Bolshevik offer to accept peace and the German troops continue their onward march.

It is rumored that the Germans have reached Luga, midway between Pskov and Petrograd. This is unconfirmed as is a report that the enemy has advanced to a point half way between Luga and Pskov.

Workmen and troops from Petrograd and troops from Moscow are being sent to check or stop the advance on Petrograd. Women and men are busy building trenches and defensive positions around Petrograd.

A provision government has been formed in Esthonia with headquarters at Reval and the independence of Esthonia has been proclaimed.

Chancellor von Hertling said that Germany would give self-government to Courland and Lithuania, but it is reported from Switzerland that a Saxon prince is to be made king of Lithuania which will be united to Saxony.

RUSSIA WILL MAKE DEFENSE OF PETROGRAD

Resistance of German Hordes Becomes Principal Task of Revolutionists

By Associated Press

London, Feb. 27.—The Russian revolution will defend itself against Germany, says an official Russian statement sent out by wireless and which announces Germany has refused to grant an armistice.

A peace delegation now is on the way to Brest-Litovsk. We expect any moment news that it has arrived at the place appointed for peace negotiations, but there is no armistice. The German government has formally refused an armistice and German detachments continue to advance.

We are prepared to sign their peace of usurpation. We have already declared this, but there are many indications that the German

Ships Officers Arrested in Pro-German Plot

A Pacific Port, Feb. 27.—The captain, chief engineer and purser of the steamship Central, were ordered arrested to-day by federal authorities, it was announced, after an investigation of an alleged pro-German plot to supply Germans in Lower California and South and Central America and allegations that the men uttered pro-German sentiments and attempted to obstruct operations of the selective draft.

GERMAN PLANES SUPERIOR

Washington, Feb. 27.—Captured German airplanes brought to this country for study by aviation experts revealed that the Germans are using materials very inferior to the standards set for American planes and apparently are very short of spruce and linen.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Partly cloudy and slightly warmer to-night and Thursday; lowest temperature to-night about 35 degrees.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Partly cloudy and slightly warmer to-night and Thursday; gentle west winds.

EVERY TIME

you pass the post office PUT A NICKEL in another pocket for a THRIFT STAMP You won't miss it

PSKOV IS TAKEN AND RETAKEN; SLAVS BATTLE

Town Frequently Changes Hands While Bitter Fighting Progresses

By Associated Press

London, Feb. 27.—Luga, halfway between Pskov and Petrograd, has been occupied by the Germans, according to an unconfirmed rumor, a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd says.

London, Feb. 27.—It is uncertain whether the Germans or the Russians now hold Pskov. An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Petrograd under Tuesday's date, but bearing no time, says the Bolsheviks announce Pskov has been recaptured.

All reports confirm the earlier statement that the town frequently changed hands.

Another Exchange Telegraph dispatch says Borisoff, 60 mi. northeast of Minsk, has been captured by the Germans, and that Orsha and Smolensk, northeast of Minsk, are being evacuated.

Leaky Gas Tube Causes Death of Two Children

Philadelphia, Feb. 27.—A leaky gas lamp tube which had been mended with wax caused the suffocation here to-day of two children aged three years and seven months, respectively, and their father.

They had been ill and the bodies were found by the children's grandmother, who went to their room to look after them. She arrived in time to find the mother alive, but the latter is in a critical condition.

Dr. Royer Will Act as Health Commissioner

Owing to necessities of administration in the State Department of Health, Governor Eshbach will to-day name an acting commissioner of health to serve until a successor to the late Commissioner Samuel G. Dixon is appointed.

It is probable that Dr. B. F. Royer, chief medical inspector, who is considered next in authority will be selected as the temporary head.

WILL INCREASE TRAINING AREAS

Washington, Feb. 27.—Immediate steps to reduce the number of collisions by student aviators by spreading out the training areas are about to be taken by the War Department.

30 BELIEVED LOST WHEN NAVAL TUG CHEROKEE SINKS

Ten Survivors Get Away on Raft Following a Fierce Gale

By Associated Press

Washington, Feb. 27.—Thirty officers and enlisted men of the naval tug Cherokee are believed to have been lost when the vessel foundered yesterday morning in a fierce gale off Fenwick Island Lightship, twenty-two miles from the Delaware Capes.

Ten survivors, who got away on the first life raft, were safely landed; four other men got away on another raft, but two were washed overboard and drowned and the other two died, probably of exposure. The four bodies were taken into Philadelphia.

The Cherokee formerly was a tug of the Luckenbach Steamship Line and not long ago was requisitioned by the Government.

Due to Broken Gear According to the captain of the rescue ship the loss of the Cherokee was due to broken steering gear.

The tug was proceeding southward and while the gale was at its highest, the accident to the steering machinery rendered her helpless. The waves hit her broadside and broke in the hatches. After this the Cherokee remained afloat only a short time.

Members of the crew took to the life rafts and the rescue ship sighted one of these to which twelve men were lashed. All but two were saved. Another othip, the captain reported, picked up a raft with six men on it. All were dead, he said.

Official Announcement The Navy Department made this announcement: "The Navy Department is advised that the U. S. S. Cherokee, a Navy tug, foundered yesterday morning off the Atlantic coast. Of the forty aboard—five officers and thirty-five enlisted men—ten had been landed at last accounts, these having been taken to Philadelphia. Four dead were picked up by steamships.

"The ten known survivors got

Epidemic of Smallpox Is Costing Much Money

The epidemic of smallpox in the city and section is costing the county about \$350 weekly, according to an estimate made by the Director of the Poor. Under the law the county is required to keep families under quarantine when the head of the household is not permitted to work.

At present twelve families are dependent on the poor board for provisions and fuel. In one house in Steelton there are 53 persons under quarantine. It is estimated the cost of maintenance for one person for one week is about \$2.50, and with 100 now under quarantine, the weekly expense is \$350 and the monthly cost, \$1400.

FRENCH WOMEN AND CHILDREN PRISONERS OF GERMANS SENT HOME



These women and children were taken prisoner by German soldiers at the beginning of the war. They were recently returned to their homes because there was no food for them in Germany. The photograph was taken at Evian on Lake Geneva, where the prisoners had been delivered for return to their homes.

VENERABLE HEAD OF ARCHDIOCESE DEAD AT PHILA.

Archbishop Prendergast Succumbs After Brave Fight For Life



ARCHBISHOP PRENDERGAST As Metropolitan of Pennsylvania, Archbishop Prendergast was superior to the Archbishop of New York and were in Pittsburgh, Scranton, Altoona and Harrisburg. Once seen, Archbishop Prendergast would never be forgotten. He was probably the tallest prelate of the Catholic Church in this country.

Philadelphia, Feb. 27.—Most Rev. Edmund Francis Prendergast, Archbishop of Philadelphia, the spiritual head of 710,000 Roman Catholics and of 779 priests, died at the archiepiscopal residence, Logan Square, at 8:25 last night. He had

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Air Mail Service Will Begin April 15 as Part of Aviation Training Plan

Washington, Feb. 27.—Airplane service between New York and Washington will be in daily operation beginning April 15, the Post Office Department announced to-day. Eight machines will be furnished by the War Department.

By arrangement between Postmaster General Burleson and Secretary Baker, aerial postal service will be conducted for one year as part of the aviation training system of the Army. The machines will be piloted by Army fliers. One trip each way will be made except Sunday on a fixed schedule. The flying time between New York and Washington is estimated at less than three hours, including a stop-over to deliver mail at Philadelphia. The landing fields and hangars will be located probably in Potomac Park at Washington; League Island at Philadelphia, and Van Courtlandt Park or Mineola in New York.

EDWARD BAILEY RETIRES FRIDAY AS BANK HEAD

George W. Reily Succeeds Him as President of the Harrisburg Trust Co.

Edward Bailey will retire on the first of March as president of the Harrisburg Trust Company. This announcement was made to-day after a meeting of the board of directors. During the last two or three years Mr. Bailey has frequently expressed a desire to be relieved of the responsibilities of the head of this important institution, but was prevailed upon to continue in the discharge of the duties of the presidency. He will remain as chairman of the board of directors, however, and maintain his active interest in the affairs of the trust company with which he has been identified for more than twenty-five years, his twenty-fifth anniversary as president having occurred on February 3rd of this year. He and Mr. Abraham Fortenbaugh, president of the Hall-

Americans Retaliate Against Hun Artillery; Dugout Is Demolished

By Associated Press

With the American Army in France, Feb. 26.—The American artillery Monday retaliated against the Hun artillery which had been shelling them but which, despite the intensity of the fire did no damage and wounded only one man. The Americans began by shelling Montsec, where buildings were destroyed. They also effectively shot up a large working party in a dugout which cried for help were heard. The enemy to-day concentrated his fire on a certain town within the American lines.

The weather cleared to-day and there was much aerial activity. Several fights in the air occurred over and behind the American line, and in addition the American anti-aircraft guns were firing all day long. Enemy planes attacked a sausage balloon in which an American captain was acting as observer. The balloon was hauled down hurriedly without having been damaged.

Gas attacks caught some Americans before they were able to adjust their masks and others overcame while they were asleep in dugouts.

LaRue's Last Chance to Escape Army Service Is Turned Down by President

Samuel LaRue, of New Freedom, the York county farmer whose selective service act have attracted wide attention, now is in the Army to stick.

LaRue is undergoing some kind of training at Camp Meade suitable for "conscientious objectors" and with his last appeal thrown out will stay there until he goes to France or the war is over. LaRue's friends, disappointed by the failure of his ten appeals for exemption, to-day learned that the iron straw has fallen them. President Wilson has refused to intervene. Under the rules a drafted man may appeal in some instances to the President. The President yesterday informed the district appeal board that their ruling sending LaRue to camp stands.

TO REGISTER ALL EXCESS FLOUR IN FAMILY LARDERS

Housewives Will Be Made to Tell of All Supplies Over Normal

SITUATION BAD, 'TIS SAID Move Designed to Prevent Hoarding in Time of Dire Need

Every Harrisburg housewife will be required within a few days to register all flour she has on hand above her normal supply, it was learned to-day through the State Food Administration.

Drastic regulations affecting every householder in Pennsylvania aimed to prevent the hoarding of the now precious wheat are to be expected in a short time, Howard Heinz, State Administrator, warned to-day. The action is along the line

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WILL WELCOME BRITISH LABOR COMMISSIONERS

Great Rally in Chestnut Street Auditorium to Hear Patriotic Addresses of Visitors

Samuel Gompers, head of the American Federation of Labor, last evening notified H. M. Brooks, head of the Harrisburg Central Labor Union, that members of the English Labor Commission to the United States will be in Harrisburg March 8 and Mr. Brooks at once began to make arrangements for a big rally to be held in Chestnut Street Auditorium.

Three U. S. Soldiers Killed and Others Are Injured by Poison Gas

By Associated Press

Washington, Feb. 27.—Artillery bombardments on the western front have increased in intensity, especially in the Ypres sector, along the Chemin-des-Dames and on both banks of the Meuse near Verdun. On the American sector northwest of Toul the Germans have attempted unsuccessfully to wipe out the Americans with flaming gas and gas shells. The American soldiers were killed in two such attacks and others suffered seriously from the effects of the gas. The American artillery is shelling the enemy positions heavily.

No official recognition has yet been taken of Chancellor von Hertling's speech. It is regarded in Washington, London and Paris as a war speech and not a peace statement. The chancellor's purpose, an official of the French foreign office says, was to separate the entente allies, stimulate peace talk and impress Germany and the outside world with the notion that the military caste had lost its power. Belgium, it is declared, hardly will answer the chancellor's peace hint.

German submarines have not let up in their campaign against Spanish shipping. The steamer Neguir, of 1,859 tons, is the latest victim. She is the fifth Spaniard to be torpedoed within five weeks.

Canned Products Held For War Needs; Family Stocks Not Disturbed

Washington, Feb. 27.—All canners were advised to-day by the Food Administration to hold for war purposes until further advice, all canned corn, peas, tomatoes, string beans and salmon now on hand.

Reports of such holdings must be made at once, separate from those to be submitted before March 15. Canners who have no stocks are required to report indicating this fact. Quantities not wanted will be released promptly. Reassurance to householders that the Government has no intention of commandeering and canned goods, preserves, home-grown food or usual stocks of provisions kept for family use, was given to-day in placards which the Food Administration will distribute to every post office and public library in the country. The placards were headed, "Do Not Be Fooled by the Lies of the Enemy."

LATE NEWS

ASK UNION OF LITHUANIA AND SAXONY. Zurich—Negotiations are in progress for the union of Lithuania and Saxony, says a dispatch from Dresden.

with Prince Frederick Christian, second son of the king of Saxony, as king of Lithuania. The pourparlers indicate the wishes of the Poles for a renewal of the old union between Poland and Lithuania will not be fulfilled.

ON TRIAL FOR ATTEMPTED BLACKMAIL. Mrs. H. H. Hirsch and J. W. Cook came up for trial to-day on the charge of attempting to blackmail Major Asa Candler, from whom it is charged they sought to extort half a million dollars by threats.

MARKET CLOSES IRREGULAR. New York—Only and inactive equipments were the strong features of the final hour, leaders reacting 1 to 2 points. The closing was irregular. Liberty 3 1/2's sold at 97.25 to 97.50, first 4's at 97.18 to 97.30 and second 4's at 96.87 to 96.90, stimulated by increased dividends and better industrial conditions war issues and special stocks to-day recorded gross advances of 2 to 4 points. Sales approximately 678,000 shares.

HOSTILE RAIDS REPULSED. London—Hostile raids were repulsed during the night northwest of St. Quentin, in the neighborhood of Bullecourt and east of Vermeles, says to-day's war office report. "The artillery was active on both sides early this morning northeast and east of Ypres."

MANY KILLED WHEN STANDS COLLAPSE. London—In the collapse of the Chinese public stands at the Hong Kong Jockey Club races Tuesday 100 women and children were trampled to death, says a Reuter dispatch from Hong Kong.

164 LOST ON GLENART CASTLE. London—According to the Exchange Telegraph Company, 164 persons are missing from the Glenart Castle.

NEWPORT CASE POSTPONED. Harrisburg—The case of the Oak Extract Company against the Newport and Shermans Valley Railroad did not come up for a hearing before the Public Service Commission to-day by reason of illness of counsel.

WAGNER COBLE SUCCEEDS FATHER. Harrisburg—Governor Brumbaugh announced to-day the appointment of W. Scott Coble as Justice of the Peace of Washington to fill the vacancy caused by the death of his father, P. C. Coble who was justice of the peace for many years.

PROFIT-FIXING BILL PASSES. Albany, N. Y.—The Wagner bill designed to authorize the State Food Commission to fix the margin of profit for retail dealers in the necessities of life was passed in the Senate to-day. The vote was 33 to 7.

RESPIRE GRANTED NEGROES. Washington—An indefinite respite has been granted five negro soldiers of the Twenty-fourth infantry, sentenced by court martial to be hanged for participation in the Houston riots. The number and character of appeals for clemency reaching the President from clergymen and negro organizations caused the respite.

HUNS TAKE TWO RETREATING REGIMENTS. Berlin—German troops advancing north of Dorpat yesterday captured two Russian regiments as they were retreating, the German general staff announced to-day.

HOFFMAN ORDERS ADVANCE. London—In a dispatch filed at Petrograd yesterday a correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company says Germans operating in the region of Pskov inquired of the German general, Hoffman, whether in view of Russia's acceptance of the German peace terms, they should continue to advance. General Hoffman, the dispatch says, replied in the affirmative.

MARRIAGE LICENSES. Harry F. Goodman and Anna E. Miller, Harrisburg; Ellsworth H. Entertine and Ella M. Coble, Highspire; William McClain and Ella F. Brown, Harrisburg.