



MINISTER RESCUED AS STEAMER BURNS TO WATER'S EDGE

Rev. Jno. M. Warden Is Taken From Blazing Ship

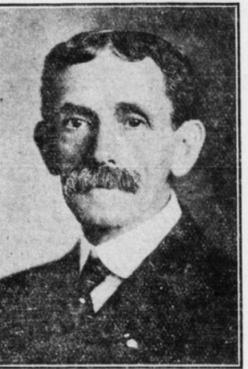
MANY MAY BE LOST AT SEA

Night of Terror Is Spent by Those Who Escaped

Rev. John M. Warden, pastor of the Bethany Presbyterian Church and assistant pastor of Pine Street Presbyterian Church was among four survivors rescued from a burning ship and brought to Baltimore this morning, according to dispatches received here.

Rev. Mr. Warden resides at 2235 North Second street. He was on the steamer Virginia, sailing from Baltimore to Norfolk, when it was burned to the water's edge of Smith's Point, Chesapeake Bay at 12:45 o'clock this morning. He was destined for Newport News where he planned to meet his son, Captain John B. Warden, of the 312th Field Artillery who has just returned from overseas service in France. Telephone messages received from him at Baltimore this morning assured his family that he is safe and absolutely unharmed.

SURVIVOR OF SEA FIRE



REV. JOHN M. WARDEN

ALL TROOPS BUT REGULARS TO BE BACK BY JUNE 22

Total of 100,000 Service of Supply Men Sailing During May

MANY TO COME IN JUNE

Chaumont Army Headquarters Is to Close Early Next Month

Washington, May 24.—Revised plans for the return of the overseas forces provide for the sailing from France of all troops except those in the regular divisions by June 12, General March, chief of staff, announced today.

Definite Schedule Arranged Units now in the service of supply are scheduled to sail 100,000 in May, 200,000 in June and the small remainder in July. A definite schedule has been arranged for closing all supply sections and leave areas now under control of the A. E. F. headquarters.

General headquarters at Chaumont will be closed early in June, after which time the Coblenz sector will be supplied direct from Antwerp.

Demobilization of the army has now returned more than 60 per cent. of officers and men to civil life. It was announced officially. The total, partial reports to date, was given at 2,215,161, of whom 113,556 were officers. Sailings from overseas since November 11 last have totalled 1,152,427.

River Recedes After Coming Dangerously Near to Flood Stage

The Susquehanna river, after rising steadily for several days, has now started to recede and is dropping comparatively rapidly. The crest of the flood here was approximately 14.1 feet. Forecaster E. R. Demain announced. This figure was reached about 8 o'clock last night. The receding this morning at 8 o'clock showed the surging water had dropped to 15.2 feet. It will continue to drop throughout the afternoon, night and tomorrow at 8 o'clock it is expected that it will have dropped to the 13 feet mark.

The damage caused by the high waters in Harrisburg has been considerable. Cellars in some of the lower lying dwellings have been flooded to a certain extent, but little damage has resulted. Some globes and lights on the standards along the river front have been broken as a result of debris striking the standards.

Two mills of the Central Iron and Steel Company were forced to close yesterday because of the high waters and are not expected to resume operations until Monday. The open hearth was forced to close late in the afternoon while the universal mill closed later in the day. This company is believed to be the only one in Harrisburg affected by the high waters.

Officials of the steaming company, however, expressed their belief that the loss of life would be small, but they could give no definite figures until the passenger list is compared with the names of the survivors. This would be a work of some little time, as passengers and members of the crew were picked up by at least four other steamers and taken to both Norfolk and Baltimore.

Thirty-Second Degree Is Conferred Upon Big Class

The largest class ever initiated into any Pennsylvania consistory except in Philadelphia, was presented at a ceremonial session of the Harrisburg Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, held in the Orpheum theater last night. Approximately 600 candidates received the 32nd degree. The event was the concluding feature of the annual spring reunion of the Harrisburg bodies, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

The candidates came from the entire district, which includes that territory between Altoona and Lancaster, York and Carlisle. Members of the various consistories of the State, and from New York, Maryland and other states were in attendance to witness last night's ceremonies, filling the theater.

Appealing For Sympathy



PETROGRAD SET AFIRE BY REDS BEFORE FLIGHT

Hard Pressed by Esthonians, Bolsheviks Are Believed Exploding Munitions

London, May 24.—Great fires and loud explosions have occurred in and around Petrograd, according to reports forwarded by the Daily Mail's correspondent at Helsingfors under date of Thursday. It is believed that the Bolsheviks, pressed by the Esthonian advance are destroying the munitions in Petrograd.

Machine gun firing also has been heard in Petrograd and it is reported that the population has risen against the Bolsheviks.

Ohio Becomes Dry at Midnight; Many Bars Will Be Lunch Counters

Columbus, O., May 24.—Although constitutional prohibition does not become effective in Ohio until next Tuesday the State will become practically dry at midnight to-night. To-day is the end of the license year, and only 185 of the 5,600 saloons in the State have paid the \$305 necessary to reopen for the one day next Monday.

High Water Prevents Annual Trackmeet

With the Island Park field largely covered with water, the scheduled track meet, scheduled for this afternoon, has been called off. The event, which was to have been conducted under the auspices of the Harrisburg Track Athletic Association, will be staged on May 31 or June 7.

GRAND ARMY SPIRIT AS YOUNG AS EVER

Veterans of the Civil War Have No Thought of Retiring Until Death Relieves Them

The G. A. R. Posts of Harrisburg are just as young as they used to be," in the language of Noah A. Walmer, who for years has been a leading figure in Post 58 and while the members are getting well up in years, they are still vigorous and well able to look after their duties. They have no thought of retiring from active life despite their advancing years and they will not only conduct as usual the larger preparations that

WELCOME AWAITS VETERANS OF THE OLD GOV.'S TROOP

Great Crowd to Welcome Men of 108th Field Artillery

Harrisburg will welcome home to-night the bulk of the local men who remain in the Keystone Division, if plans for discharging the remainder of the 108th Field Artillery, go through on schedule. Most of the men expected home this evening were members of the old Governor's Troop.

The men are expected to arrive in this city about 10 o'clock to-night, and the parade in their honor will start shortly thereafter. Organizations that participated in the reception to the 112th, all of whom are expected to be in line this evening, have been requested to report at Fifth and Market streets at 5 o'clock that they may be ready to start as soon as the men arrive.

Colonel Frederick M. Ott, former commander of the old Governor's Troop, has been named to act as chief marshal of the procession. As aids he will have the entire military committee who assisted in arranging for the welcome home. Included among these will be former officers of the troop and officers of the World War.

Makeup of Parade The tentative makeup of the parade has been announced as follows: Police, detail from local recruitment.

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are being made here to observe Memorial Day this year, but they will march in the parade. "What preparations have the members of Harrisburg made for the time when age will compel the retirement of their members from the active duties of the Grand Army? A reporter asked a delegation of members at the hall of Post 58, the other

SATURDAY NIGHT CLOSING IS PUT UP TO MERCHANTS

Retail Men Also to Decide on Time For Half Holidays

Merchant members of the Chamber of Commerce will meet Monday evening, June 3, to determine whether stores are to be closed on Saturday evenings during the summer and to decide which day of the week a half-holiday will be given employees.

J. S. Lowengard, chairman of the Merchant Council of the chamber, called the meeting and every retail merchant member will be urged to be present. There has been so much informal discussion of the question of Saturday evening 6 o'clock closing, that it has been decided to hold a meeting of discussing the question from every angle. Opinion in Harrisburg is divided on the question, some merchants favoring Saturday evening closing, others opposing the movement, and still others remaining uncommitted on the subject. Because of this difference of opinion, it is felt that an open discussion might serve to bring to light the desires of the majority of the merchant body on the important question. Several large stores regularly close each Saturday at 6 o'clock.

The question of a half holiday during the summer months also will be discussed. Last year the stores agreed to close Thursday afternoons, beginning the last week in June.

Wife Keeps His Teeth, Chicago Man Tells Court

Chicago, May 24.—"She won't give me my meals, and even if she did, I couldn't eat," complained Gustave Koop, charged with nonsupport of his wife Bertha in the morals court today. "She's got my teeth."

"What's that?" exclaimed the judge. "Got your teeth? What are you going to do with two sets of teeth?" the court asked Bertha. "They're under the bed now. You can get 'em if you will come home and take care of me the way you should," Mrs. Koop responded. "Give him his breakfast and his teeth, madam, and come back here August 23."

"That's fair enough," Mrs. Koop remarked, as she sailed out of the courtroom.

GERMAN LEADERS LABOR TO SHAPE ANSWER TO PACT

Must Give Reply to Demands of Allies Within Week Specified

FOCH ASSISTS EXPERTS

Teuton Foreign Minister Returns From Spa to Versailles

Germany's chief peace plenipotentiaries are back at Versailles to-day after an important consultation held yesterday at Spa with Premier Scheidemann and other representatives of the German home government.

It had been announced in advance from Berlin that the framing of Germany's counter proposals to be considered at the Spa conference, and it seems probable that the final form of these proposals now has been decided upon. Germany must present the proposals within the week's extension of time for replying recently granted her, which expires on Thursday next.

Pause in Treaty Progress With an important part of the German peace delegation engaged in consultations at Spa with members of the home government of Berlin, preliminary to the presentation of Germany's formal reply to the Allied peace terms, there was an appreciable pause in the developments at Paris and Versailles, so far as the making of peace with Germany is concerned.

In the evening Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau left for Versailles and the members of the German government started for Berlin.

Modifications to the clause in the treaty relative to the Sarre basin, which would oblige Germany to redeem that region with gold instead of there being a plebiscite after fifteen years of allied administration have been considered by the Council of Four, according to Le Journal.

It was announced last night that the treaty to be presented to Austria would be considered at a plenary session next Tuesday and would be laid before the Austrian delegation probably on Wednesday.

Considers Military Terms The Council of Four yesterday considered the military terms as framed by Marshal Foch, commander in chief of the Allied armies; General Diaz, supreme commander of the Italian army, and other military leaders. Austria's formidable army of upward of a million men, which was second only to that of Germany, is reduced by the treaty to 15,000 men; virtually all military supplies would be surrendered or destroyed and other military production abolished.

The naval terms are similarly sweeping, all warships being surrendered and Austria's position as a naval power terminated.

The American delegation has prepared a memorandum showing the status of affairs before the Peace Conference and the conclusion of the Austrian treaty.

Much Unfinished Business This discloses that a formidable amount of business is still to be transacted, besides the Turkish and Bulgarian treaties, covering the whole range of international subjects. The memorandum runs through many pages, with scores of headings.

It leaves no doubt that the conference will continue for a considerable time after the treaties have been signed and President Wilson has left. It is expected that the other American members will remain to consider matters still requiring attention.

Cat Calls Meant For Big Family Were Not Meant For Actor Folk

Simon Myers, colored comedian, had just finished describing "Jove" in his act, "Half-Past Two," at the Majestic last night. The audience laughed.

When they became quiet again a distinct cat call came from the gallery. The policeman in "peanut-heaven" busied himself trying to locate the guilty boy.

Again it came, and the audience laughed. After that it kept up but the source of the "meows" could not be found.

This morning while the janitors were cleaning up they found a large black cat had made its home there with six small kittens under the motion picture booth.

How the cat ever got into the theater is a mystery.

GERMAN ENVOYS RETURN SMILING TO VERSAILLES

By Associated Press. Versailles, May 24.—Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau and other members of the German peace delegation, who went to Spa on Thursday, returned here this morning, with the exception of Dr. Theodor Melchior, the financial expert. All the members of the party were smiling and seemed in good spirits.

The delegation alighted from the train at the Noisy-le-Roi station and took automobiles thence to Versailles.

ATHLETIC SHOW AND DANCE WILL CLOSE CAMPAIGN

Salvation Army Fund Boosted by Sale of Doughnuts; Novel Salesmanship

A little more than \$12,000 was the total raised by the Salvation Army campaign up to noon. In co-operation with the State drive, Captain E. J. Stackpole, Jr., chairman, notified State Chairman McLain that the drive would continue next week, with the object of raising at least \$3,000 more. The \$50 Liberty Bond for baking the greatest quantity of doughnuts, offered by Irving E. Robinson, was presented to-day to Mrs. Neilson, who turned in a total of 8,967.

The Salvation Army Home Service campaign approached its climax with to-day's activities which consisted in another rousing city-wide sale of doughnuts. Central High school girls helping greatly to take the burden of the Motor Maids and the soldier corps of canvassers. Up to noon yesterday \$2,732 was registered for doughnut sales alone and this amount will probably be doubled by the activity to-day and to-morrow.

Clouds to Hang Above Pennsylvania Next Week; Showers, Too, Predicted

Washington, May 24.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday issued by the Weather Bureau to-day are: North and Middle Atlantic States: Approximately normal temperature and considerable cloudiness and occasional showers.

GOVERNOR SIGNS HOSPITAL BILL

Harrisburg—Among 22 bills signed late this afternoon by Governor Sproul was Senator Frank A. Smith's bill permitting the city and county to join in the erection of a contagious disease hospital. The only other measure of local importance is that reorganizing the State Library and placing the Library and Museum under the direct control of the State Librarian.

GEORGE ULRICH INJURED

Harrisburg—George Ulrich, 77 North Sixth street, a member of the wrecking crew of the Pennsylvania Railroad, suffered a badly fractured right leg and a contused left leg when struck by a heavy hook on the hand of the derrick. The accident occurred while the wrecking crew was working at the Central Iron and Steel Company plant. He was treated at the Harrisburg hospital.

Paris—Lieutenant Roge, a French aviator, was ready this morning to begin a flight from Paris to Morocco. The aviator plans to attempt the jump across the Atlantic from Dakar to Brazil if conditions prove favorable.

RED CROSS TO PARADE TO-NIGHT

Harrisburg—Red Cross workers will parade to-night in honor of the returning soldiers, meeting at headquarters, Walnut and Front streets, at 9 o'clock.

ROTARY RUN IS CALLED OFF

Harrisburg.—The Harrisburg Rotary Run, taking Carlisle Hospital soldiers to Gettysburg to-morrow afternoon, has been called off on account of the condition of the roads.

HINES ASKS FOR \$1,200,000,000

Washington—Appropriation of \$1,200,000,000 in addition to \$500,000,000 already provided, for use of the Railroad Administration during 1918 and 1919, was requested to-day by Director General Hines.

WEATHER MAY HOLD NC-4 UNTIL MONDAY

Ponta Delgada.—Weather reports received this morning indicate that the strong easterly winds between here and Lisbon will continue to-day and to-morrow. This makes the start of the seaplane NC-4 for Lisbon unlikely before Monday.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Ralph E. Heikis, Harrisburg, and Maude M. Long, Marysville; Ray G. Good and Helen I. McNelly, Bainbridge; William H. Kanderman, Lykens, and Annie F. Lewis, Tower City; George Melkola and Anna M. Frank, Steelton; Charles A. Bowers, Harrisburg, and Martha D. Gehr, Lancaster.