

STEAMER AFIRE AT SEA

FURIOUS BLAZE ON VESSEL NOW

Five Steamers Are Rushing to the Assistance of the La Touraine Now.

BUT LITTLE INFORMATION As Yet Can Be Obtained but There Are Known to Be Eighty-four Passengers.

LONDON, Mar. 6.—The steamship, La Touraine, is afire at latitude 48.06 north and longitude 20.14, west, according to a wireless message received here. Five steamers have gone to the assistance of the vessel.

The London office of the Compagnie Generale Trans-Atlantique, which owns La Touraine, is without special information concerning the vessel. The French liner, La Touraine, sailed from New York, February 27, for Havre. The position given in the message is approximately 1,200 miles west from her port of destination.

PASSENGERS AND CREW ARE REPORTED AS SAFE

NEW YORK, Mar. 6.—When the La Touraine sailed from this port last Saturday she had aboard eighty-four passengers, of whom thirty-eight were in the first cabin. The vessel was one of the six big liners to leave this port the same day, the sailings being the heaviest recorded here for some time.

AUTO PARADE

By Local Dealers Will Be a Big Feature of the Observance of "Style Day" Here.

The local automobile dealers will take an important part in the observance of Clarksburg's first "Style Day," Friday, March 19, and the following progressive dealers have advised the Telegram that they will join the merchants and business houses in the "Style Day" display by showing the latest 1915 model automobiles in a big parade, led by a band.

DECREASE SHOWN

In the Number of Fatal Accidents in Soft Coal Fields of Pennsylvania.

HARRISBURG, March 6.—There was a decrease of thirty-two per cent in the number of fatal accidents in the soft coal mines of Pennsylvania in 1914, according to a summary of reports issued today by the state department of mines. The number of men killed last year was 413, compared with 611 in 1913.

CLARKSBURG BREWERY SOLD

The plant of the Clarksburg Brewing Company was sold late Friday afternoon to John A. Tierney and Edward V. Connell for \$34,500.

3,000,000 GERMAN LOSS.

(By Associated Press.) PARIS, Mar. 6.—An unofficial note issued by the French official press bureau declares that the German losses since the beginning of hostilities in killed, wounded, sick and prisoners reaches the enormous total of 3,000,000.

WEIL CASE

Is Argued by Former Congressman Gaines in the Circuit Court at Charleston.

CHARLESTON, March 6.—J. H. Gaines, of counsel for A. Leo Weil, an attorney of Pittsburg, today continued arguments in the circuit court on Weil's application for a writ of prohibition to prevent T. C. Townsend, prosecuting attorney, and Judge Black, of the intermediate court, proceeding with indictments against Weil.

These indictments which charge that Weil, as general counsel of the Manufacturers Light and Heat Company, had conspired in an attempt to bribe two members of the public service commission of West Virginia, Mr. Gaines declared, were not justified, particularly as to bribery, because public service commissioners were neither executive, judicial nor legislative officers and the West Virginia law named only such officers in specifying bribery.

The indictments, Mr. Gaines asserted, charged that Charles D. Elliott, former adjutant general of the state, had offered a bribe to public service commission of West Virginia to give testimony in the federal court and according to the indictment had been hired by Weil in Pittsburg to do it.

Gaines maintained that the charge could not be considered by a West Virginia court since it was alleged the offense had been committed outside of West Virginia. Gaines declared emphatically that Weil had not sought to have the public service commissioners to testify falsely.

Judge Littlepage insisted on a clear statement on this point and Weil personally asked that the state make a formal concession that he did not ask the commissioners to testify to anything but the facts.

"Now," said Judge Littlepage, "I want to know if there is any law making it a crime to secure truthful testimony." "There is none," replied Gaines, and he spent some time arguing that point.

TO ELECT

And Install Officers for the Year Are the United Commercial Travelers.

Clarksburg Council, No. 28, United Commercial Travelers, will hold annual election and installation of officers at 7:30 o'clock tonight in the Pythian hall on South Third street. It is desired that as many members of the council as possible attend the meeting.

WOLF ACQUITTED.

Mack Wolf was acquitted when tried late Friday in Magistrate W. E. Starcher's court of a charge of giving a drink of whiskey to a fellow recently at the Interurban traction station. The prosecuting attorney gave notice that he would appeal the case to the criminal court.

NEW PRESIDENT.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, March 6.—General Antonio Xavier Barreto has been proclaimed president of the "Republic of Northern Portugal" by a Congress of Democrats who have been in session at Lamego, according to a despatch received here from Madrid.

SCHOOL FIRE.

WARRENSBURG, Mo., Mar. 6.—The Warrensburg state normal school building here was destroyed by fire today. All buildings except the dormitory gymnasium were burned. The loss is estimated at half a million dollars.

ALLIED TROOPS ARE READY FOR CONCERTED ONSLAUGHT

ELECTION

Officers Are Appointed for the City at a Meeting of the City Council.

City council appointed election officers Friday night, received the report of the fire committee covering improvements of the department and recommendations, some of which latter are the installation of an electric fire box system, and the purchase of an aerial truck and 2,000 feet of hose.

The appointed election officers are as follows: First ward—Commissioners: William Mulheran, F. S. Miltstead and P. J. Lydon. Challengers: William Wanstree and J. F. Kearns.

Second ward—Commissioners: B. Frank Hornor, R. B. Willison and Charles G. Coffman. Challengers: J. C. McManaway and W. A. Harrington. Third ward—Commissioners: Percy Byrd, Jay Reeder and H. Ellsworth Cork. Challengers: Boyd E. Hornor and W. C. Morrison.

Fourth ward—Commissioners: B. B. Jarvis, A. W. Myers and Harry Douds. Challengers: James Rooney and Leonard Peck. Fifth ward—Commissioners: G. J. Alstetter, A. C. Davis and C. J. Gillis. Challengers: Fleming H. Holden and S. G. Highland.

FOUR MEN KILLED

And Five Others Wounded by a Lumberman Who Runs Amuck in Georgia.

BRUNSWICK, Ga., Mar. 6.—Four men were shot and killed and five others seriously wounded here today by Monroe Phillips, a lumberman, who fired at random on the street. Phillips himself was killed by a policeman. One of the men killed was H. F. Dunwoody, a prominent attorney. The others killed were W. M. Heckett, an undertaker, Rex Devers, a policeman, and W. B. Padgett, a former policeman. Several of the wounded are prominent citizens of Brunswick. Worry over financial difficulties, which he blamed on others, is said to have made Phillips temporarily insane.

SUICIDE VERDICT

With No One but the Suicide Herself to Blame for Her Death to Be Reported.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 6.—Coroner Ely Mix today completed his investigation of the circumstances surrounding the suicide of Lillian May Cook. The coroner said he would file a report on Monday stating that Miss Cook came to her death by her own hand and that she, and she alone, was therefore responsible for her act.

An official connected with the investigation said that the physician who had performed the autopsy upon Miss Cook had found certain conditions, one of which might have indicated preparations for an operation of some kind, but nothing that would positively establish a cause for the young woman to go to a lonely spot in West Rock park and send a bullet into her heart.

EIGHT BILLS

Are Passed by the House of Delegates and Two Are Rejected by It.

CHARLESTON, Mar. 6.—The House of Delegates today passed eight bills and rejected two, while the Senate advanced several important measures. Among the bills passed by the House were the Parsons bill making pipe lines common carriers, the Pierce bill placing a tax of one-fifteenth of one cent per thousand feet of gas transported through pipe lines, the Scherr bill making the workmen's compensation fund pay its own administration and three bills relative to court procedure.

A bill providing a tax on land held in excess of five thousand acres was rejected. In the Senate the general income tax bill was amended to conform to the federal income tax law and made special order for Tuesday. The bill providing for electric headlights on locomotives was made a special order for Monday.

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RUSSIANS ARE STRONG

Turkey is Rushing Troops Back from Egypt to Defend City of Constantinople.

LONDON, March 6.—The end of the thirty-first week of the war and the first signs of better weather conditions, after a hard winter, and the allied armies in the western theater showing readiness for that concerted onslaught on the Germans in the preparation of which General Joffre and Field Marshal Sir John French have been doing so much spade work during the last four months.

The unqualified optimism with which, judging from the trend of the comment in the London newspapers today, the approaching gigantic struggle is regarded in Great Britain, France and Russia, can be attributed largely to the remarkable recuperative powers shown by the troops of Emperor Nicholas. These soldiers, in spite of the furious blows of the German armies under von Hindenburg, have been able not only to bring Teutonic progress to a standstill but to push the invaders back along virtually the whole front until at one point at least it is admitted in Berlin the fighting has again moved very near to the East Prussian frontier.

Another event which is adding to the serenity with which the allies today regard the future is the picture of British, French and Russian warships hammering at the gates of the capital of Turkey with such success apparently that Turkey already has decided to leave the war. Despatches telling of the decision were received here today by European diplomatists.

DIPLOMATS TO LEAVE

Mexico City in a Body on Account of the Bad Situation Prevailing There.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 6.—The foreign diplomatic corps in Mexico City has decided to leave in a body. Despatches telling of the decision were received here today by European diplomatists. The Mexican situation, topped by this latest development was admitted in all quarters to be more critical than it has been at any time since Huerta precipitated the landing of troops at Vera Cruz.

Secretary Bryan had received today no word from the latest representatives of Carranza against General Obregon's decrees in Mexico City, and his threat to leave the capital unprotected with water and light plants out of commission and the attendant possibilities of looting and killing. Mr. Bryan did not comment further today than to say the situation continued to be bad.

BULGARIA SECRETLY MOBILIZES DIVISIONS

PARIS, March 6.—Bulgaria has mobilized secretly three full army divisions in the neighborhood of Tirnova, according to information contained in a Solinka despatch, based upon what is said to be reliable authority. The same source is responsible for the statement that the Kostendil division has been sent to an unknown destination.

FORTY MILLION DOLLAR CREDIT BILL IS OFFERED

PARIS, Mar. 6.—A bill opening a credit of \$40,000,000 for military expenditures has been introduced in the chamber of deputies by the government, says a despatch from Bucharest. Another bill, which has been introduced which would call up the 1915 class of recruits, extend for one year the period of command of generals who have reached the age limit and modifies a law governing military requisition.

NEW STENOGRAPHER.

Stenographic work at the Southern Pine Lumber Company is at a standstill today owing to the arrival of an eight-pound baby girl at the home of the stenographer, C. H. Brandl, on Elliott street, Friday night. Mother and babe are doing nicely and Mr. Brandl is passing the cigars around to his friends.

RUSSIAN SUCCESS.

(By Associated Press.) PETROGRAD, March 6.—An official communication received here from the Russian army in the Caucasus dated March 4, says the Russian troops are continuing with the same success their offensive operations in the vicinity of the Tchoruk river in Turkish Armenia, southwest of Batum.

THIRTY MINERS ARE FOUND ALIVE IN PIT

TO WRITE WAR.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Mar. 6.—Charles H. Grafton, former controlling owner of the Baltimore Sun and until recently vice president of the Associated Press, sailed today on the steamer, New York, for London, where he will join the Associated Press staff as a war correspondent.

WARNING GIVEN

Presidents and Directors of Three Railroads against Letting Cattle Cross State.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Mar. 6.—The presidents and directors of three railroad systems crossing Erie county in the northwest corner of the state have been notified by the attorney general's department that they will be personally prosecuted if they permit cattle to be moved across the Pennsylvania territory from Ohio to New York state, contrary to the order issued by the state live stock sanitary board. This action was taken after the issuance of a notice to the railroad by the board that no cattle from territory not classed as free from the foot and mouth disease could be transported into or through Pennsylvania.

POLICEMAN KILLED

And Another Mortally Wounded in a Running Fight with a Desperado.

WILMINGTON, Del., Mar. 6.—In a running fight here today after a suspicious man, whose appearance attracted attention, Frank Tierney, a policeman, was shot and killed, Harold McDaniel, a policeman, was mortally wounded, two others were severely injured and another was slightly hurt. The desperado, who gave his name as Charles Monmetz, along with a companion, was captured. Willard Sharpless, one of the policemen severely injured, accosted the stranger next door to a police station. The man ran and Sharpless pursued him, the other officer joining in the chase. The fugitive started the firing and the policemen responded. It is believed the men came here with the intention of robbing a bank.

WHISKEY LABELS

Taken Off Suitcase before Man Reaches Home but Magistrate Dismisses Him.

When tried late Friday before Magistrate W. E. Starcher on a charge of lugging a suitcase full of alcohol and whiskey into Clarksburg from an out of state point without having the case properly labeled, Martin Bacha, a Pitcairn coal miner, proved that he had the case properly labeled during his trip to Clarksburg, but that when arrested he had just taken the labels off and put them in his pocket. Bacha said he did this because he was nearing his boarding house and did not want his fellow boarders to know what he had. Believing that the law had been complied with the magistrate dismissed the case, but the prosecuting attorney did not think that it had and gave notice that the case would be appealed to the criminal court.

COUPLE JAILED

On Felony Charge of Stealing Copper Wire at Mount Clare.

Roy White and Minnie Hartley, of Mount Clare, are prisoners in the county jail awaiting hearings before Magistrate G. H. Gordon on charges of stealing 4,000 feet of copper wire from a warehouse belonging to the Marshall Coal Company at Mount Clare. The wire is valued at \$35, which makes the charge a felony. The couple were arrested Friday evening at Mount Clare by Constable Robert McClung.

AUTO CONTEST.

(By Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, March 6.—After final practice spins around the four mile Panama-Pacific exposition course early today, thirty-two drivers awaited the signal for the start at 12:30 p. m. of the 90-mile Van derbilt cup automobile race. With ideal weather and the track in perfect condition a thrilling contest is expected.

ALL ARE ABLE TO WALK

Hope is Entertained That Still Others Are Alive and Haste is Being Made Now.

HINTON, W. Va., March 6.—Thirty miners were found alive today in the Layland mine of the New River and Pocahontas Coal Company, where they had been entombed since last Tuesday when a gas explosion wrecked one mine and seriously damaged two others. About 170 men, as far as could be checked up, were thought to have lost their lives, and thus far seventy-eight dead bodies have been taken out. Hope for any of the remaining miners was abandoned.

This morning rescuers in oxygen helmets came upon an entry of No. 3 mine, which had been bratticed off. Close to the brattice work, five men were encountered alive, but in a weakened condition. These were able to walk from the mine and they reported that nine others were alive not far from where they were found. The rescuers hastened their efforts and soon came upon more of the living miners. When the entry had been explored a total of thirty men had been checked up, all apparently alive, the worst for the four days' entombment beyond a somewhat weakened condition. All haste is being made to reach the remainder of unexplored entries in the hope that many others will be found still living.

MURDER

Is Charged against Sutton Italian and He is Searched for by Local Police.

All trains and interurban cars were carefully watched today by city police in search of Angelino Borriani, an Italian, who was wanted at Sutton on a charge of murder. It was said at police headquarters that Borriani's wife came to this city Friday and it was thought that her husband would probably follow her. Borriani is said to have killed a fellow Italian by name of Bordi. News of the killing reached the local police department Friday night in a telephone message from the Sutton authorities.

MORE INDICTMENTS

For Violations of the "Dry" Laws Are Returned by the Grand Jury Here.

Additional indictments were returned Friday evening by the grand jury as follows: Clarence and Arthur Vannort, assault and battery, 2 cases. Joe Doe, alias Pent Thorn, violation of liquor label law. Joe Doe, alias Lewis Sakel, violation of liquor label law. John Doe, alias Patay Sakel, violation of liquor label law. William Bennington, carrying a revolver. Joe Bunting, gambling house. Dock Tetric, violation of prohibition law. H. McKean, violation of prohibition law. William Reece, violation of prohibition law. Homer Martin, violation of prohibition law. Clyde Ritter, violation of prohibition law. Okey Ritter, violation of prohibition law. Red Streaby, violation of prohibition law. June Powell, violation of prohibition law. Clarence Hildreth and Charles Husted, destroying school house property. Mack Peoples, gambling. Fred Hummel, June Powell and Red Streaby, gambling. W. O. Kennedy, a member of the grand jury was excused to keep his Sabbath and Alvin D. Bassel took his place.

FINLEY IN HOSPITAL.

William Finley, chief of police of Monongah, is at the Johns Hopkins hospital at Baltimore, Md. He will undergo an operation on his side as the result of an injury he received in the strike riot at the Jamison mines at Farmington two weeks ago.

TO PREACH HERE.

The Rev. L. W. Graves, of Charles Town, bishop coadjutor, will preach at 11 o'clock Sunday morning in Christ Episcopal church here.

MASS ELECTED.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Mar. 6.—Representative Class of Virginia, was re-elected chairman of the rural credits commission, authorized by Congress.