

GERMANY YIELDS TO U. S. DEMANDS

GAS EXPLOSION CAUSES DEATH OF 19 IN MINE

Two Other Men in Hospital
are Badly Injured
and May Die.

RESCUERS WORK HARD

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Brought Out.

(By Associated Press.)
JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Sept. 1.—The explosion of gas in the Ordona mine of the Merchants' Coal Company at Boswell yesterday claimed its 19th victim today when James Bergalena died in a hospital here. Two other miners, George Peschütz and Frank Comalich, who were badly burned, were said by hospital doctors to be in a critical condition.

Coroner Henry Kimmell, accompanied by representatives of the State mining department, reached the mine this morning and quickly determined that ignition of a pocket of gas caused the explosion, but in what manner they were unable to discover.

Mine Was Condemned.
Mine officials said that the section of the mine where the explosion occurred had been condemned by John Taylor, the fire boss who fenced it off. Martie McClure, the foreman, it was stated, made careful investigation and convinced that the entries were safe, allowed the miners to go to work. McClure was killed.

Rescue crews worked for hours before they reached the entries where the tragedy occurred. There they found eight men unconscious but still alive being scattered among the dead. Many of the bodies when brought to the surface could not be identified.

Funerals Tomorrow.
It is probable that the bodies of the men who were buried tomorrow. A party of engineers of Pittsburgh station of the Bureau of Mines arrived today to investigate the cause of the explosion.

Submarine Holds up American Sail Ship

(By Associated Press.)
BOSTON, Sept. 1.—The American bark Ruth Stark, of Boston, is held up by a German submarine while bound from Liverpool for this port on August 3.

According to Captain Rawling the submarine fired first what was probably meant as a warning for her to heave to, but a second shot he said appeared to be aimed at the vessel. As she was being lowered when the second was fired. Soon afterwards the submarine came alongside and after learning the identity of the bark and her destination permitted her to proceed.

ONLY FOOD POISONING.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—What was feared to be an outbreak of cholera on the Hamburg-American liner President Lincoln held up at Hoboken since the beginning of war has turned out to be nothing more than food poisoning. Surgeon General Blue of the public health service who investigated at once, got reports today showing that the six Germans aboard the ship were in no danger.

BONANZA DAYS FOR BABIES IN CONTEST AND IS NOT TOO LATE FOR NEW ENTRIES

It is not too late to enter The West Virginian's great subscription campaign. "The Shower of Gold for Babies," and win one of the gold prizes for your baby's bank account. The race is young and very little activity has been shown in some sections. A few subscriptions secured during "Opportunity Offer" by new entries will put them in the running with the leaders. Do not delay. Nominate your baby today.

Clip the nomination found in another part of the paper and sent it to the "Shower of Gold" department at once. A representative will call and explain in detail all the necessary information to be a winner.

Canvassers Urged.
If you already have entered your baby, the "Shower of Gold" manager of The West Virginian urges you to start canvassing for subscriptions at once. Subscriptions are the main issue in this competition for gold and glory.

Now is the time to get busy. Do not delay, but secure all the subscriptions possible. Do not overlook the import-

Likes Pretty Gowns, But Not to Pay for Them



Frances Alda, Prima Donna, wife of Gatti Casazza, who is being sued for \$105 by a Parisian modiste—alleged to be due for gowns delivered to the opera singer in 1913.

LITTLE GIRL HURT; AUTO TURNS OVER

Adamston Man and Family Narrowly Escape Death at Mannington.

Postmaster Fred A. McFarland and wife and three small children, Annette, William and Virginia, of Adamston, near Clarksburg, narrowly escaped serious injury this morning when the automobile in which they were driving went over a steep bank at Beegum, one mile west of Mannington.

McFarland was trying to cut around a team and wagon and got too close to the edge of the bank. The car turned upside down, throwing all of the occupants into bushes and weeds, which served as a cushion and probably kept them from serious injury. Although all of them were bruised and scratched, none but Annette, the little 5 year old daughter, was cut badly. She was brought into Mannington and her injuries dressed by Dr. W. J. Leahy. No bones were broken and no internal injuries so far as the doctor's examination could show.

The injured occupants were brought into Mannington in an automobile truck that happened along.

Veteran Traction Employee is Dead

M. M. Leyden, aged 35 years, veteran traction company employe, died this morning in a Clarksburg hospital, following an operation for appendicitis. Mr. Leyden was first employed as conductor on the Clarksburg city cars by the Monongahela Valley Traction Company. He was the conductor on the first interurban car to be operated between Fairmont and Clarksburg.

When the company opened a freight and express station in Clarksburg Mr. Leyden was made agent and he held this position until the time of his death. Mr. Leyden was unmarried and resided with his mother in Clarksburg preceding his death.

C. R. Gregg, a prominent citizen of Weston, was in Fairmont today.

REMOVING SIGNS; NEW ORDINANCE IN EFFECT TODAY

Shall Not Extend More
Than 4½ Feet Over Walk
Law Says.

GET PERMIT FROM CITY

New Signs Must Be Illuminated
Each Evening Except Sunday.

The ordinance passed last April by the City Board of Affairs regulating the maintenance and erection of advertising and other street signs in Fairmont, goes into full effect today. Last night and this forenoon a number of signs which do not comply with the ordinance were pulled down by the merchants and other business men responsible for their maintenance.

According to the provisions of the ordinance "all signs heretofore erected upon or over the public streets or alleys that do not comply with this ordinance shall be removed on or before the first day of September, 1915."

A fine of not less than \$10 and not more than \$50 for the first offense and a fine not exceeding \$100 for subsequent offenses is provided for persons who violate the ordinance. Street signs permitted under the new ordinance may be maintained under the following restrictions:

Electric signs may be suspended over the streets and alleys subject to the following conditions: They shall not extend more than four and one-half feet over the same, and have a clearance over the said street or alley of not less than nine feet.

They shall be securely bolted or fastened to the said building in such a manner as shall be satisfactory to the city engineer.

They shall not be suspended or erected until the party desiring the same shall have obtained a permit from the Board of Affairs.

All electric signs herein described and permitted must be kept fully illuminated every night except Sunday night until at least 10 o'clock.

A number of costly signs have been maintained in front of places of business in Main street and other thoroughfares of the city which are a direct violation of the new ordinance. If such signs are not removed today as provided for in the ordinance the persons responsible are subject to fines of from \$10 to \$100.

Roumania Will Remain Neutral

(By Associated Press.)
ROME, Sept. 1.—It is understood that the Roumanian government has decided to stand firmly by the policy of declining to permit the central empires to forward arms and ammunition through Roumania to Turkey. The statement made today on good authority that Roumania had explained its attitude to the central powers substantially as follows:

"Roumania desires to maintain strict neutrality. She is confirmed in her attitude by the existence of war between Italy and Turkey, deterring to preserve the intimate and friendly relations between herself and Italy."

Grand Jury Will Probe Frank Case

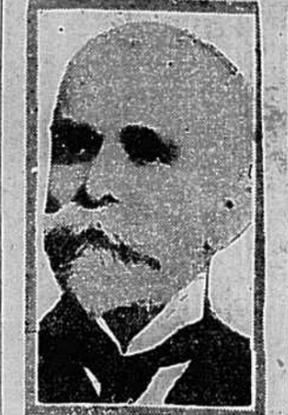
MARIETTA, Ga., Sept. 1.—The Cobb county grand jury assembled today to investigate the lynching of Leo M. Frank and take up his regular work. Judge Patterson in his charge told the jury it was not a special grand jury and that while its members were not to feel they were secret service men, it was their duty to ferret out any crime alleged to have been committed in the county "fearlessly and without hope of reward." The judge took occasion to defend Cobb county against attacks upon it growing out of the lynching.

Allies' Cruisers Bombard Smyrna

BERLIN, Sept. 1.—A report was given out by the Overseas News Agency today that a cruiser of the allies had met with disaster off the coast of Asia Minor. A telegram from Smyrna states that hostile cruisers bombarded the city of Smyrna and the coast of the gulf to the south of the city. The Overseas Agency says:

"One cruiser fouled. The second ship attempted to go to its rescue, but was prevented by Turkish artillery."

New President of Portugese Republic



Senor Bernardino Machado, who was recently elected President of the Portuguese Republic and will take the oath of office on Oct. 5th, the fifth anniversary of the Proclamation of the Republic of Portugal.

HARRY THAW BRINGS SUIT FOR DIVORCE

Accuses His Wife Evelyn of Misconduct With John Francis.

(By Associated Press.)
PITTSBURGH, Sept. 1.—Harry K. Thaw this afternoon through attorneys Stone and Stone filed a petition in the common pleas court asking a divorce from his wife, Evelyn Nesbitt on the ground of misconduct with John Francis of New York.

POUND STERLING AGAIN TAKES DROP

American Financiers Alarm- ed as Coin is Only Worth \$4.50 on Exchange.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Sept. 1.—English money already depreciated to figures without a parallel in the history of finance took another phenomenal drop today.

The pound sterling sold down within the first hour of dealing to \$4.50, a break of 5½ cents over night, and a downward plunge of 11 cents in two days. The drop caused the gravest anxiety as to its possible effect on American exports now, at top figures.

Continued and unchecked depreciation, it was thought, would effect tens of thousands of American workmen probably by ultimately closing down factories now supplying Great Britain with commodities. This effect was in perspective in the minds of some of the leading bankers of New York.

Before that could happen, it was explained there would have to be cancellation or curtailment of foreign orders to American producers at present totaling hundreds of dollars and great diminution in value of new orders. Both latter contingencies were expected, it was said, in case sterling should go much lower.

Gruesome Find is Made in F-4 Hull

HONOLULU, Sept. 1.—A number of bodies—of the twenty-two men who went down in the United States submarine F-4 on March 25 were found entangled in the wreckage of the interior. One body was removed. Two others were in such a poor state of preservation that the work of uncovering them is being done slowly. None have been identified.

Mannington Cars Off Regular Line

The section of Locust avenue between Sixth and Eighth streets is being torn up today for the purpose of street improvement work and the Mannington interurban cars will be detoured until further notice by way of Loop Park and Fairmont avenue, according to an announcement by Smith Hood, general manager of the Monongahela Valley Traction Company.

German Forces in Front of Grodno

(By Associated Press.)
BERLIN, Sept. 1.—German troops fighting for Grodno are now in front of the outer line of the fort at that stronghold, according to today's official statement from the German headquarters. In the western theatre of war the situation is unchanged.

Northwest of Bataume an English aeroplane was shot down.

GERMAN FORCE MAY SOON TAKE RIGA FORTRESS

Three Wedges are Being
Driven Through Rus-
sian Defensive.

FRENCH ACTIVE IN WEST

Rain of Artillery Shots Be-
ing Poured in on the
Germans.

LONDON, Sept. 1.—Germany's plans for driving three wedges into the Russian defensive line is being carried forward but not with the same speed as marked the sweep over Poland.

Riga is almost isolated and unless the Russians soon throw a heavy force against Von Hindenberg's exposed flank, this port must fall into the hands of the invaders. Although this northerly attack seems to have been checked for a moment, the Russians have been unable to develop a counter offensive in that region comparable with their activities in east Galicia, where on the river Stripa they have not only turned at bay but have inflicted large losses on their opponents.

For a period of five or six days on the western front, a rain of shells from French guns has been poured on the German trenches. The object of this unusual artillery attack has not been disclosed but it is believed here that so much precious ammunition would be used merely to damage German works without some sort of concerted effort to occupy the shattered trenches.

The Balkan problem is again to the fore. Emphasis is placed on reports that Bulgaria and Roumania are seeking to arrive at an understanding with the entente powers with some hope of success.

PARIS, Sept. 1.—What appears to be an intimation that Japan may cooperate in the campaign to force the Dardanelles is contained in an interview with Baron Hayashi, Japanese ambassador to Italy, sent here today by a Rome correspondent.

FORMER LOCAL MAN SUFFERS IN FLOOD

O. E. Carpenter and Family Lose Belongings in Gal- veston Storm.

O. E. Carpenter and family, formerly of Fairmont, but residents of Galveston for the last four years, lost all their belongings in the recent flood which swept the city, according to a message received by friends here.

Mr. Carpenter was employed for some time in the hardware store of J. L. Hall and later in the Arch Fleming feed mill and farm implement store. He moved with his family to Galveston four years ago.

According to the letter received by friends here the flood in Galveston was much more disastrous than the telegraphic reports indicated, the damage being minimized for the purpose of protecting the prestige of the coast cities. "Things are pretty blue in Galveston," the letter says, and "it will take the city a long time to recover from the disaster."

The Weather.

West Virginia and Western Pennsylvania—Fair tonight and Thursday.

Temperature Today.

Recorded hourly at The West Virginian office.

A. M.	8:00	9:00	10:00	11:00
	68	70	72	75
NOON—76.				
P. M.	1:00	2:00	3:00	
	78	78	79	

NO MORE LINERS WILL BE SUNK WITHOUT WARNING LUSITANIA ANSWER SAYS

Oral and Written Assurances are Given
to State Department Today
By Bernstorff

AMERICA WINS BIG DIPLOMATIC VICTORY

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, September 1.—Germany has accepted the declaration of the United States in the submarine warfare controversy. Count Bernstorff the German ambassador today gave oral and written assurance to Secretary Lansing that no more passenger ships will be sunk without warning.

Bernstorff's Letter.
After a conference at the state department Ambassador Bernstorff sent Secretary Lansing this letter:

"My dear Mr. Secretary:
"With reference to our conversation of this morning, I beg to inform you that my instructions concerning our answer to your last Lusitania note contains the following passage:
"Liners will not be sunk by our submarines without warning and without safety of the lives of non-combatants, provided that the liners do not try to escape or offer resistance."
"Although I know that you do not wish to discuss the Lusitania question until the Arabic incident has been definitely and satisfactorily settled, I desire to inform you of the above because this policy of my government was decided on before the Arabic incident occurred.
"I have no objection to your making any use you may please of the above information.
"I remain, my dear Lansing, very sincerely yours,
"BERNSTORFF."

Lansing's Statement.
In connection with the letter, Secretary Lansing made the following statement:
"The view of the clearness of the foregoing statement, it seems needless to make any comment in regard to it other than to say that it appears to be a recognition of the fundamental principle for which we have contended."
Count Von Bernstorff's letter was forwarded to President Wilson as soon as it was received at the state department. No formal comment was made at the white house, but on every hand at official quarters there was evidently gratification that the submarine crisis had passed and Germany had acknowledged to the justice of the principles which President Wilson had been contending.

Count Von Bernstorff's announcement that the policy had been decided upon before the sinking of the Arabic agrees with the statement by officials in Berlin and with information upon which American officials had been depending.

Sooner than the dispatch of the last Lusitania note, President Wilson understood that there would not be another such disaster. The sinking of the Arabic therefore came as a double shock.

Inasmuch as there seems to have been established that the submarine which sunk the Arabic has been destroyed by British patrol boat, the exact circumstances may never be determined other than by testimony from British and American sources.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, on instructions from Berlin, verbally informed Secretary Lansing that the German government has accepted the principles that passenger liners should be warned before attack by submarine. He will formally communicate this information in writing later.

Report U. Boat Destroyed.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—Bearing out reports that the German submarine which sunk the Arabic had herself been sunk, state department officials today revealed that a report was received from ambassador Page at London the day after the sinking of the steamer indicating that a German submarine had been destroyed near the scene of the Arabic disaster.

Germans Have No News.
LONDON, Sept. 1.—The admiralty has given no information concerning the fate of the German submarine which sunk the Arabic. Whether such information is in its possession is unknown, as it is the policy of the admiralty to withhold news of this character. Unofficial reports that the submarine was sunk are being circulated widely.

It is said the craft attempted to torpedo the British steamer Nicolsian which arrived at Liverpool from New Orleans on August 24, five days after the Arabic went down. According to this account the Nicolsian escaped and the submarine which attempted to sink her fell a victim to a patrol boat. In Liverpool, the report is current that the submarine has been captured and not sunk.

Five are Fined for Drunkenness

Fines of \$1 and costs were assessed against each of five men from New England last night and today by Justice of the Peace M. R. Musgrove, the men being charged with drunkenness as the result of an investigation conducted by Constable J. Frank Russell and other county officers, which resulted in the issuance of nearly a score of warrants for persons who have been indulging in liquor a little too freely.

Mrs. Elva Estep, the aged woman who is believed to be the leader of a "club" in New England which has found an apparently satisfactory method of evading the Yost prohibition law, is scheduled for a hearing before Justice Musgrove this evening at 7 o'clock on a disorderly conduct charge.

The men who paid fines last night and today include Hezikiah Carlin, Perry Willey, Albert Yeager and John Stottlemire. They all insisted that they had found the whiskey which they drank on a table in the house of a "neighbor."

ADVERTISING SERMONETTES

A Short One Every Day
for the Busy Business Man

As the years go on and competition becomes more keen, and practically every method and means of advertising has been tried, and often worked to death, greater effort must be put forth to secure the same results as formerly. This leads many to blaze original paths, and along the lines of originality many a fortune has been sunk. A great many imagine that if you hit upon an original plan, or are able to do something that appears smart and different, that you have struck something bound to be successful. Theodore S. Fetting in an address to The Newark, N. J. Credit Men's Association referred to two instances wherein originality was a rank failure.