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THE WEATHER.
INDIANA—Snow flurries this afternoon and tonight; slightly colder tonight. Sunday fair.
LOWER MICHIGAN — Probably snow flurries tonight and Sunday.

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WAITING GAME BEING PLAYED BY TWO SIDES

Leaders in Senate and House in Control and Will be Able to Prevent Any Radical Action.

GERMANY TO BE HEARD AS TO ARMED VESSELS

Belief Grows That Program Will be Postponed—Weather Conditions Would be Good Excuse.

International News Service:
WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Armed neutrality prevailed today between the administration and congress submarine situation. Both sides were playing a waiting game. Curiously enough each assigned the same reason for it. The president has appealed to the country through his letter to Sen. Stone. The advocates of legislation to keep Americans off armed ships have staked their case upon the original Stone letter which forced the executive to define his position. Both sides as a result were content to remain quiet today so that the other "could hear from the people" in the interval over Sunday.

Although it was expected that in both the senate and the house efforts might be made to get consideration of the proposed legislation in some of its phases, the leaders were in complete control and ready to prevent any radical action.

Expect Long Debate.

Meanwhile it seems certain that the question of what constitutes an armed merchantman carrying guns for defensive purposes and so entitled to warning when stopped by a submarine, and just under what circumstances of this character becomes naval auxiliaries and fair prey for the U boats will be a subject of prolonged debate between Germany and the United States.

Sec'y Lansing stated that there will be no effort made to prevent Germany setting forth fully its views on the subject. It is accepted that if an agreement can thus be reached the situation will materially improve.

The German reply asking this government's views on the subject is expected to be presented to Mr. Lansing by Count von Bernstorff on Monday morning. In anticipation of the questions that are to be raised, the secretary is understood to have prepared an opinion. This, however, is not likely to be communicated to the German ambassador until after the German claims dealing with the alleged secret British admiralty orders reaches the secretary and are thoroughly examined.

Although no official announcement of the postponement of the proposed submarine campaign against merchant vessels carrying guns has yet reached the state department, officials were not concerned today.

They feel satisfied that there will be no submarine activity until the questions now at issue between Germany and the United States definitely are disposed of. It is pointed out that an official postponement at this time might be seriously criticized through Germany while, on the other hand, a suggestion that weather conditions be permitted to operate to keep the underseas craft in port, could hardly be resented. And it would have the same effect, officials here point out.

FEDERAL OFFICER MAY BE REMOVED

International News Service:
CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—The Chicago Tribune today published the following dispatch from a Washington correspondent.

"Charges that P. P. Claxton, federal commissioner of education, has formed an alliance with the exploiters of child labor may be presented to the senate by Sen. Kenyon of Iowa, with a demand for his removal from office.

"Information was submitted to Sen. Kenyon today that Commissioner Claxton had authorized the distribution of thousands of copies of a pamphlet containing the report of the committee on industrial education of the National association of Manufacturers.

"Sen. Kenyon yesterday informed the senate of the efforts of the N. A. M., through its attorney, James A. Emery, of Mulhall lobby notoriety, to defeat the Keating child labor bill. Today he was incensed when he learned that the commissioner of education had accepted copies of the association's report on child labor, and had circulated them at government expen'

KILLED WOMAN WHO SECURED HIM A JOB

JOSEPH E. HANEL
PHOTO © INTERNATIONAL FILM SERVICE

NEW YORK.—Joseph E. Hanel, self-confessed murderer of Mrs. Julia Hellner, his invalid employer, on April 23, 1915, is now held without bail in a Brooklyn jail for examination next Tuesday, Feb. 29.

Hanel confessed he killed Mrs. Hellner when she found him robbing the home into which he had been taken as a butler to save him from starvation. He said his Baltimore confession, in which he implicated an accomplice, was false. He admitted to the district attorney that he had worked alone.

HUSBAND ALLOWED 35 to 50C A WEEK

Woman Tells Court That This is Enough For Any Married Man.

"How much allowance did you give your husband?"

"I gave him 35 cents to 50 cents a week."

"That included the money for his barber?"

"No, he always got that separate. Twice to the movies and maybe once to the Orpheum did he go on that 50 cents. That's enough for any married man.".

The above going was the dialogue which ensued during the hearing of the charges of child desertion and assault and battery brought against John Struzewski by his wife, Valentine Struzewski. Justice Joseph P. Wypiszynski was questioning the complaining witness when her last answer threw the court room into an uproar of laughter.

Mrs. Struzewski told the court that her husband and she had a quarrel in which he refused to give her a part of her pay, and that he struck her once. Judge Warner took the matter under advisement for two weeks.

PEOPLE CAUGHT IN RAIDS ARE FREED

Dismissal of all the charges resulting from the three raids on alleged houses of ill repute and two gambling resorts were made Saturday morning in the city court by the prosecuting attorney. It was intimated that all of these men had been indicted by the grand jurors which returned 131 secret indictments on Thursday.

In the raids were Mabel Kline and eight others who were booked on a charge of keeping a resort or frequenting: A. C. Pommert and the men taken in charged with gambling, and those found in Harry Alward's place charged with gambling and frequenting a gambling house.

The case of petit larceny brought against Ralph E. Dailey, that of embezzlement against Fred C. Matick, two charges of selling liquor without a license and running a blind "tiger," against Stanley Niezgodzki, and a charge of malicious trespass against Alexander Malkowski, were likewise dismissed.

These cases had all been set for trial Saturday morning.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

George M. Kramer, farmer; Belle Stewart seamstress.

Ralph L. Sheaks, laborer, Walkerton; Agnes LaVern Hostetter, Walkerton.

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HUBBARD OUT, QUITS KELLER'S SCHOOL BOARD

Writes Letter to Mayor Explaining Act—Says Conditions in Schools Depend on Harmony.

OTHER TWO MEMBERS EXPECTED TO STICK

Stand is Endorsed by Mayor Who Refuses to Agree to Tribunal to Settle Dispute.

A. L. Hubbard, president and minority member of the school board. Friday night mailed his resignation to Mayor Keller to take effect immediately. Mr. Hubbard had only a few months more to remain on the board, having gone in under the Goetz administration. He informed the mayor that his action was taken that a man in sympathy with the executive's policy of school administration might be appointed.

Following is the letter sent to the mayor by Mr. Hubbard:

"Hon. Fred W. Keller,
South Bend, Indiana.

Dear Sir: As you are aware, but few months remain of my term as a member of your school board. Conditions in the school remain unsettled and will not improve without an harmonious board.

"That you may be free to select a man in sympathy with your policies of school administration, I herewith hand you my resignation to take effect forthwith.

Very truly your,
A. L. HUBBARD."

Willing to Quit.

Willingness to resign from the board, if E. B. Rupel and William Clem, the men who started the school trouble by refusing to renew L. J. Montgomery's contract for next year, would do the same, was expressed by Mr. Hubbard Thursday. His action in handing his resignation to the board came without any notice from either Mr. Rupel or Mr. Clem that they would follow suit. Mr. Hubbard was the one member of the board who favored the retention of Supt. Montgomery.

It is not expected that the other two members will leave their positions on the board. Mayor Keller's refusal to approve of the tribunal to hear the school controversy and his expression of confidence in Mr. Rupel and Mr. Clem make it hardly probable that either of these men will take this action. Mr. Clem said Friday night that he had not considered resigning from the board.

Action on the part of both the citizens and school teachers is now at a standstill. It had been expected that the school board would consent to having the school trouble heard by Judge Timothy E. Howard and Vernon W. Van Fleet and no arrangements had been made to carry the thing further.

Hering Out of City.

W. W. Ridenour, who received Mayor Keller's answer to the proposed plan Friday afternoon, said Saturday morning that he would wait until F. E. Hering, his fellow committeeman, had returned from Toledo. As soon as Mr. Hering gets back, a conference will be held between the two to discuss further action.

A teacher's mass meeting was considered at the meeting at the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday night, but nothing has been done on it since then. Mr. Ridenour was made general chairman of anything that pertained to the school question. Action of the citizens having failed, it is probable that the teachers will call a meeting themselves.

Were in Detroit.

Mr. Clem and Mr. Rupel returned Friday afternoon from Detroit, where they went with the idea of looking around for a possible suc-

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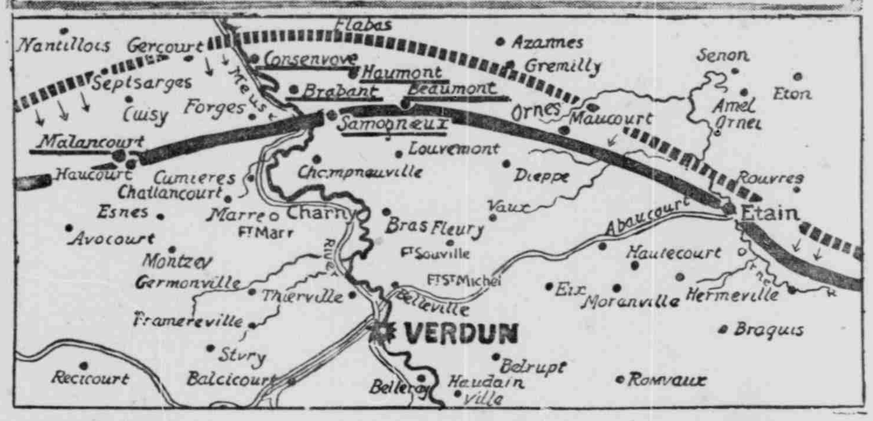
CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING WELL GUARDED

International News Service:
WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Special orders have been issued by the state department that all correspondence relating to armed merchant vessels in the files of the government departments must be guarded with the greatest caution lest it be seen by some one who might make its contents public.

Practically all of this correspondence outside the state department itself is in the files of the treasury and treasury officials are keeping a careful watch on these files. The correspondence at the treasury department relates to the cases of the armed merchant vessels of belligerent nations brought into American ports.

Where Germans Are Staging Big Drive



Kaiser Wilhelm, who is now reported to be personally directing the great German offensive upon Verdun, is shown in the automobile with members of his staff. The broken line on the map shows the battle front before the French fortress with the position held by the French before the great attack. The black line is their position after the new retreat of three miles yesterday.

NEW NOTE TO BE SENT TO VIENNA

State Department Takes Up Attack Made on Oil Tanker.

International News Service:
WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The State department today was preparing additional data on the Austrian submarine attack on the Standard Oil tanker Petrolite, in the Mediterranean last December. The Austrian reply, now in Sec'y Lansing's hands, pleads for additional information.

This will be completed soon, and it will be forwarded to Ambassador Penfield at Vienna probably next week. It is probable, it was said at the department today, that a sharper missive will accompany the data.

In the answer now in the state department's hands, Austria is understood to set up the claim that the submarine commander fired on the Petrolite because he though the vessel was trying to run him down.

SEN. SHIVELY WORSE

No Sudden Change in His Condition is Expected.

International News Service:
WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—U. S. Sen. Benjamin F. Shively today was in a serious condition at Providence hospital here. The senator has been under treatment at the hospital for months, and his physicians express little hope that he will ever recover his full health. The nature of his malady, however, is such that no sudden change in his conditions is expected, his physicians say.

Official Taster To Pass on All Food at Banquet

International News Service:
CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—Because they do not want Former Pres't William Howard Taft, Archbishop Mundelein or any of the other guests at the St. Patrick's day dinner of the Irish Fellowship club to be poisoned, William J. Healy, a member of the club, will taste all of the food to be served, several hours before it is put on the table. If he survives the 10 courses the dinner will proceed.

The official taster was appointed because of the fear that an attempt to poison dinner guests may be made along the lines followed by the man who poisoned 296 banqueters at the University club at the reception for Archbishop Mundelein.

CONVICTED FOR MURDERS

Two Negroes Get 99-Year Sentences at Danville, Ill.

International News Service:
DANVILLE, Ill., Feb. 26.—Walter Murphy and Milton Armstrong, Negroes, were each sentenced to 99 years in prison by a jury that reported them guilty of murder today. The jury deliberated for 34 hours over the question of the penalty.

Murphy and Armstrong were charged with killing Thomas and Louis Roumas, Greek section laborers employed by the Big Four railroad. The Negroes also robbed the laborers occupying the bunk house. Murphy was arrested in Champaign, Ill., the day after the murders, but Armstrong evaded capture for two months.

International News Service:
CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 26.—Joe Chip of New Castle, Pa., practically knocked out K. O. Sweeney in the 10th round last night.

Latest in the News World

SHIP DRIVEN ASHORE.

International News Service:
LONDON, Feb. 26.—The terrific storm raging in the North sea today drove ashore off Sutton, Lincolnshire, the Spanish steamer Bagatyr, bound from Seville to Middlesborough. Fourteen members of the crew were saved, but nine are missing.

TAKE OVER SHIPS.

International News Service:
ROME, Feb. 26.—The Italian government has requisitioned 35 German and Austrian steamers that were in Italian ports when the war began.

VISITS FLEET.

International News Service:
BERLIN, Feb. 26.—(By wireless)—Emperor William visited naval headquarters at Wilhelmshaven on Wednesday, it was announced today. He arrived in the morning and left in the afternoon.

TWO SHIPS SUNK.

International News Service:
LONDON, Feb. 26.—The British steamers Denaby and Tummel have been sunk by German submarines. The Denaby was a vessel of 2,987 tons which recently sailed from Huela for La Pallice. The Tummel was much smaller, displacing only 531 tons.

Five surviving members of the Tummel's crew were picked up, but seven were lost.

D'ANNUNZIO SHOT.

International News Service:
LONDON, Feb. 26. — A Central News dispatch from Rome states that Gabrielle D'Annunzio, the famous poet, who is fighting with the Italian army, has been wounded and it is feared he will lose the sight of one eye.

PRISON PLANT BURNS.

International News Service:
JOLIET, Ill., Feb. 26.—Fire of undetermined origin early today destroyed the broom factory of the state prison here. The flames were extinguished by the convict brigade of firemen after $30,000 damage had been done.

MRS. HAMILTON DIES.

International News Service:
WASHINGTON, Feb. 26. — Mrs. Edward L. Hamilton, wife of Congressman Hamilton of Michigan, died here last night. The Hamiltons' home is in Niles, Mich.

CHICAGO MAYOR HAS BODY GUARD

Several Threats Are Made as Result of Woman's Graft Charges.

International News Service:
CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—A squad of picked detectives were assigned to guard Mayor William Hale Thompson today following threats against him, the outgrowth of the "petticoat graft scandal" which is shaking the city hall. Police Chief Healey refused to divulge the exact nature of the threats but he said he considered them serious enough to require a guard of six detectives and two motorcycle men to accompany the mayor.

The "graft scandal" investigation by the city civil service commission was expected to end today with the conclusion of the testimony of Mrs. Page Waller Eaton, and the testimony in her own defense of Mrs. Louise Osborne Rowe.

It was predicted today that Mrs. Rowe will lose her position as head of the city welfare department as the result of the split salary and padded payroll charges brought by Mrs. Eaton. A secret meeting of a number of aldermen, considering the "petticoat graft" situation, was reported to have decided to abolish Mrs. Rowe's department as a solution of the trouble that has been caused by the graft charges.

There was an inclination on the part of both sides in the salary split dispute to put the soft pedal on the scandal today. The civil service commission which is composed of appointees of Mayor Thompson, apparently was anxious to end its inquiry as quickly as possible, to end the unfavorable publicity the mayor's administration is receiving.

WILL MEET THURSDAY

Representatives of teams in the Inter-Civic Basket Ball league will meet Thursday night in the office of the municipal recreation department to arrange a schedule for the second round of games. A number of postponed contests are to be considered.

GARMENT MAKERS AT PHILADELPHIA STRIKE

International News Service:
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 26.—Between 3,000 and 4,000 men's garment workers in this city went on strike today, according to officials of the executive board of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America. By nightfall, they say, nearly 8,000 workers would be out. The strikers demand a 20 per cent wage increase and 48 hours a week.

SCHOOLS REOPEN.

International News Service:
MEXICO CITY, Feb. 26.—As the result of the decrease of typhus the board of health has recommended to the government that the public schools be reopened.

FORT GUARDING VERDUN IS CAPTURED BY GERMANS IN HAND-TO-HAND FIGHT

Was Regarded as One of the Strongest and Was Defended by Heaviest Guns in French Army.

BERLIN SAYS CAPTURE IS A MATTER OF TIME

German Lines Only Four Miles From City—Troops Have Advanced Six Miles Since Last Sunday.

International News Service:
BERLIN, Feb. 26 (by wireless).—German troops have smashed a hole in the ring of forts defending Verdun, capturing Fort Douaumont, four miles northeast of the city itself.

Fort Douaumont is three miles southeast of the ridge of Louvemont to which position the French retired on Thursday night. It was captured by storm.

The capture was made by the 24th regiment of Brandenburgers, who, despite the hurricane of shells and the galling fire of scores of French machine guns, rolled forward in an irresistible wave.

In a hand-to-hand combat in the works the Germans drove their way to victory with the co'd steel.

One of the Strongest.

Fort Douaumont was regarded as one of the strongest of the 21 forts which guard Verdun.

It was built of steel, stone and concrete and was defended with the heaviest guns in the French army.

The capture of the fort opens the way for an advance against its sister works, Fort Belleville, Fort St. Michel and Fort Souville.

The charge which resulted in the fall of Fort Douaumont was made in a blinding snowstorm following a bombardment of the works by great 15 and 17-inch guns. For hours the monster howitzers of the Germans had pounded the fort, the shells tearing gigantic ridges in the solid concrete masonry and blasting the steel turrets into kindlings.

French Guns Reply.

The French guns replied and the duel of drum fire rocked the ground and shook the air with its thunder for nearly 50 miles.

The following official statement of the capture was given out by the war office:

"The armored fortress of Douaumont, the northeastern pillar of the permanent main line fortification of Verdun, was captured by storm yesterday by the 24th regiment of Brandenburgers. It is now firmly in German hands."

This announcement was followed by demonstrations of joy. Flags were raised over public and private buildings and the praises of the gallant Brandenburgers were on all lips. There was a procession through Unter Den Linden and the national anthem was sung before the palace.

The capture of Fort Douaumont means a gain of approximately two more miles of ground for the Germans. Most important still, it removes the chief menace to an advance south of Ornes, for the sweeping plain south of that town was under the guns of the fort.

City is Stilled.

Under cover of darkness, following the victory, the Germans worked feverishly bringing up fresh guns and ammunition and now the big mortars in the fort are smashing the city of Verdun itself. Fires have broken out and many of the French reserves which were held there by Gen. Humbert, have been forced to retire to escape annihilation by the Grman shells.

The sixth day of the battle of Verdun finds the German lines only four miles from Verdun, meaning a six-mile advance since last Sunday when the drive against the French fortress was resumed.

It is believed that the capture of the fortress is now a matter of only a few days.

ADMIT WITHDRAWALS.

PARIS, Feb. 26.—Further withdrawals by the French north of Verdun are admitted by the French war office in an official communique given out today.

The French outposts at Ornes and Hennemont were withdrawn, although it was stated that they had not been attacked by the Germans.

An artillery duel of extreme violence is raging along the front with the French guns exchanging shell for shell with the guns of the Germans.

The Germans are making enormous sacrifices of life.

In the region of Beaumont the assaults of the Germans were particularly severe, being preceded by furious gun fire.

Using fresh soldiers that were brought up to replace the German troops who had been wearied by constant day and night fighting the German crown prince began a series of fresh assaults after a cannonade of the greatest fury.

The attack centered against Fort Donuaumont, the way being opened by the voluntary abandonment of earthworks in front of the fort by the French troops to avoid useless bloodshed.

Praise Teutons' Bravery.

The Teutons fought with the greatest bravery and never faltered as the storm of French shells tore through their ranks. But flesh and blood, no matter how great the gallantry, could not stand before the death scythe of the French fire. Shells from hundreds of guns and bullets from countless machine guns and thousands of rifles decimated the German ranks.

Battalion after battalion were hurled forward by the German commander in utter disregard of the enormous loss of human life. Soon the field was piled high with corpses and the charging soldiers stumbled over the bodies and fell amidst their own slain. It was carnage such as had not been seen before in the war. Even the German rushes at Ypres when their charges were described as gigantic assaults in which the soldiers rolled forward like endless waves of the sea, were as nothing compared with the onslaught of the massed phalanxes north of Verdun.

The Germans were forced to retreat to their old positions, leaving thousands of dead and wounded upon the battlefield. The tremendous fire prevented Red Cross workers from rescuing the wounded and, amidst the snow and ice and biting winds, the wounded pleaded in frenzied shrieks for help throughout the night.

GERMAN FLEET MAY MAKE DASH TO SEA.

International News Service:
LONDON, Feb. 26.—Extraordinarily sharp lookout is being kept by Great Britain's naval forces in anticipation of a dash to sea of the German fleet. A dispatch from Berlin states that the kaiser was at Wilhelmshaven on Wednesday and supplementary advices from Amsterdam add that he went from Wilhelmshaven to Kiel.

Following receipt of these reports it was recalled that the German fleet has always shown considerable activity after previous visits from the kaiser and it was thought that while the crown prince's army was assaulting Verdun the grand fleet of Germany might attempt to gain a victory in the North sea.

GERMAN AIM ATTAINED

Principal Object of Offensive is to Improve Front.

International News Service:
LONDON, Feb. 26.—"German war correspondents state that the principal object of the German offensive is to improve the German front and make it difficult for the French to discover what is proceeding behind the German lines," says an Exchange Telegram dispatch from Copenhagen. This object, the dispatch adds, has been successfully performed.

PERSIAN CITY IS TAKEN BY SLAVS

International News Service:
PETROGRAD, Feb. 26.—The Persian city of Kermanshah has been captured by the Russians it was officially announced today by the Russian war office.

Kermanshah was taken in a storm attack and a large number of prisoners were made.

Kermanshah is only 200 miles from Kut-El-Amara (Mesopotamia), where a British army under Gen. Townshend is beleaguered by the Turks. It is the farthest point yet penetrated by the Russian army of invasion in Persia. Many of the Turkish and Persian troops that fled from Hamadan when that city was taken by the Russians, took refuge in Kermanshah.

International News Service:
CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 26 (via Berlin and Amsterdam).—Another bombardment of the Turkish positions at the Dardanelles by allied warships was reported in the following official statement today:

"On Wednesday an enemy armored cruiser and two other warships fired shells unsuccessfully against the coast of Kiliapala and Musmuk. A battleship and cruiser fired some shells against our positions at Seddel-Bahr and Tekke Burnu, at the southwestern extremity of the Gallipoli peninsula, and then retired."