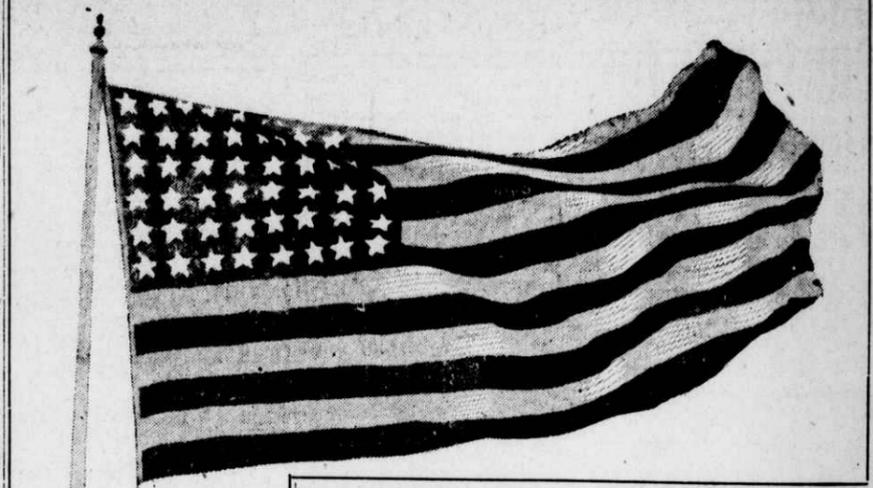


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BIG MUNITIONS PLANT BURNED; INQUIRY BEGUN BY OFFICIALS

Main Buildings of the Union Switch & Signal Company at Pittsburg Are Totally Destroyed, Causing Big Loss.

GOVERNMENT MAKES AN INVESTIGATION

Wild Reports of Heavy Loss of Life Circulated but Not Confirmed—Plant Turned Out Tools for Other Munition Makers.

Pittsburg, Feb. 10.—Fire tonight totally destroyed the main buildings of the Union Switch & Signal company at Swissvale, near here. Breaking out late this afternoon in the shipping department of the big plant that for many months was one of the biggest producers of munitions for the entente allies, the flames quickly spread to other buildings of the concern and to nearly 50 houses and stores in the town.

THE LOSS ENORMOUS.
The loss was estimated as \$4,500,000 by a leading official. Three thousand men were thrown out of work. Government officers, under the direction of Marshal Joseph Howley, immediately began a sweeping investigation. Though the munitions department was recently dismantled, at the expiration of European contracts, much of the machinery still remained. In the past it has filled United States government orders amounting to many millions of dollars.

Ruins fell across the tracks of the Pennsylvania railroad's main line and blocked it shortly before 6 o'clock. Nearly two hours elapsed before traffic was resumed.

FIRE PLUGS FROZEN.
When the firemen of Swissvale and nearby volunteer companies responded to the first alarm they found fire plugs frozen. Nearly a half hour elapsed before the first hose was connected and trained on the building in which the fire broke out.

By that time it had spread to nearby structures of the company. Within three hours the shipping department, paint shops and machine shops, stretching for a half mile along the Pennsylvania railroad were in ruins and a fifth building, housing tool making machinery, was in flames. Shortly after 7 o'clock flames broke out in the plant.

TOOL-MAKING PLANT.
The Union Switch & Signal company is not only one of the largest makers of munitions in the United States, but its tool-making plants have supplied many other concerns in similar industry.

Rumors of loss of life, some of them probably wild, were current tonight, the only story of this nature having much support was that five men were removed dead or badly injured, from one of the burning buildings.

Officials of the company would not confirm this, though many at the fire agreed that it was true.

FIRE AT AETNA PLANT.
The government officers were investigating a blaze at the Fort Pitt plant of the Aetna Chemical company when summoned to Swissvale. In that fire last night—the second at the Fort Pitt plant within two months—one life was lost and one of the essential departments of the plant was destroyed.

The Saturday half-holiday had nearly emptied the big plant. Except for the watchman, there were few at work. Flames were discovered by one of the watchmen shooting from a corner in the southern end of the packing house, where much excelsior is said to have been stored. Fanned by a stiff wind, they spread rapidly to adjoining build-

DYNAMITER TELLS OF 94 CRIMES COMMITTED BY THE MOONEY GANG

Statute of Limitations Protects the Alleged Perpetrators of Long List of Outrages From Prosecution.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 10.—District Attorney Fickert tonight announced the names of the witnesses, who, he declared early today, can testify to the complicity of Thomas J. Mooney and others in 94 crimes against property, all of which fell short of murder only by chance.

This man, Fickert said, is Tex Lefler, a "reformed" member of the alleged dynamiting gang. Lefler says his last crime was committed three years ago and he cannot be prosecuted because of the statute of limitations. Therefore, he will testify against his former comrades.

TO ASK FOR NEW TRIAL.
Convicted last night of murder in the first degree for planting the bomb which killed 10 persons and injured 50 during the preparedness parade here July 22, Thomas J. Mooney is in jail tonight waiting for Tuesday when he is scheduled to be sentenced to death. His attorney, Maxwell McNutt, announced this afternoon that he will move for a new trial when Mooney appears for sentence Tuesday.

WEINBURG CASE NEXT.
Israel Weinburg, jitney driver, is the next one of the five accused persons to be tried on charge of complicity in the fatal dynamiting, Fickert said. At the same time he issued a statement saying he felt sorry for Mooney, but that he believed "the verdict will have a tendency to blot out anarchy and anarchistic crimes in this community, at least."

Besides Mooney and Weinburg, the other defendants are Warren K. Billings, already convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment; Mrs. Thomas J. Mooney and Edward Nolan.

Fickert said tonight that he did not use the testimony of Tex Lefler against Mooney in the trial because he did not need the evidence to convict and because Lefler's evidence would have entangled public service corporations in the case.

LITTLE DANCER THE BRIDE OF HEIR TO HASKINS MILLIONS
Chicago, Feb. 10.—There's joy out at the palatial mansion of Robert C. Haskins, millionaire president of the International Harvester company today—in more than one sense.

Cupid, aided and abetted by Miss Joy Gardner, cabaret dancer, and Frank Haskins, the millionaire's son, put one over the old folks. In spite of all previous barriers that had been thrown up before them they were married quietly yesterday at the rectory of the Church of Our Savior by Rev. J. D. McLaughlin.

Since the romance between the young heir of the Haskins millions and the dainty little dancer began last summer, strenuous efforts upon the part of Haskins' parents to break up the affair, have been made. Detectives shadowed the two and the dancergirl gained valuable publicity through scenes in Kansas City and St. Louis, where her lover followed her.

Finally realizing that there was no chance to forestall the inevitable, the objection of the groom's parents was withdrawn and a number of relatives were in attendance at the simple ceremony yesterday.

"Everybody is joyous," Mrs. Haskins, 87, who was the former Nemesis, declared today.

DEFENSE PLANS FOR THE PACIFIC COAST BEING PERFECTED
Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 10.—Institution of a preparedness plan, that it is expected, will be received favorably on the Pacific coast will be formally announced next Wednesday night when several hundred business and professional men meet here to perfect an organization in case of an emergency.

As outlined today, the plan follows: Organization of 250,000 for permanent defense of the Pacific coast.

Appointment and organization of a committee of public safety to assume control in time of emergency.

Establishment of a military school to train men and boys for future military service.

SATURDAY TOLL OF SHIPS SUNK BY SUBMARINES EQUALS RECORD

AGAINST THE USE OF SUBMARINES BY UNITED STATES

Congressman Says Those Who Vote to Build U-Boats Consent to Murder of Women and Children.

FOURTEEN VESSELS WITH A TOTAL TONNAGE OF 27,152 ARE SENT TO THE BOTTOM IN 24 HOURS BY GERMAN U-BOATS.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Replying to a statement by Minority Leader Mann in the house today, that the less submarine warfare is restricted, the better off the United States will be in case of war, Representative Simms, Democrat, of Tennessee, declared he would vote against the provision in the navy bill authorizing more submarines "before he would see our country become a savage so black as to make all past history of savagery wilt."

"Is it in the heart of any man in this house who will vote for the submarines in this bill, to consent to the murder of women and children?" Simms demanded.

RACE OF SAVAGES?
"I will vote against this bill despite our needs for ships before I will be a party to such murder. We cannot become a contemplated race of savages."

Simms termed "any other unrestricted warfare heathenish, barbarous and savage."

HOW ABOUT FATHERS?
Representative Moore, Pennsylvania, said he sympathized with women and children, but wanted to know about the character of ships carrying munitions to "kill the fathers of children and the husbands of women."

Moore asked whether, if the United States were in a war with Japan, we would not be justified in sinking a merchantman carrying munitions.

"We could do it lawfully," said Simms, "with a surface vessel."

BRAZIL REFUSES TO RECOGNIZE BLOCKADE OF THE BARRED ZONE
Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 10.—Brazil does not recognize the German submarine barred zone and blockade as effective. This is the answer of the Brazilian government to the American note to neutrals, which was delivered to the American embassy today. In replying to the suggestion of the United States for concerted action by neutrals, the Brazilian government called attention to its note now forwarded to Germany, protesting against the recent submarine order.

The Brazilian note to Germany, in refusing to recognize the blockade and protesting against it and its consequences, puts upon Germany responsibility for any harm that may come to Brazilian property resulting from violation of recognized principles of international law or treaties to which Brazil and Germany are parties.

MANY SHIPS BEING BUILT IN AMERICAN YARDS AT PRESENT
Washington, Feb. 10.—American ship yards have under construction or order 682 vessels for an aggregate tonnage of over 2,000,000, according to the bureau of navigation today.

This includes 57 vessels being built for the navy of 383,537 tons total, and 61 submarines (details unavailable).

Of the 682 vessels under construction or ordered, 435 are to be steel ships from private yards, with a total tonnage of 5,529,854. One hundred and sixty-one wooden ships are being built.

Of the steel merchant ships 99 of 451,354 tons are building for foreign flags.

GERMAN ATTACKS ON THE BRITISH LINES REPULSED

HEAVY LOSSES SUSTAINED IN FUTILE EFFORT BY TEUTONS TO TAKE POSITIONS ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

London, Feb. 10.—German forces launched night attacks on several positions on the west front and were everywhere repulsed with heavy losses in some instances, General Haig reported tonight.

"East of Sailly-Saillizel, enemy night attacks on our newly won positions were everywhere unsuccessful," the statement said. "Our line was entirely maintained."

"Night raids were launched southeast of Neuville and St. Vaast, east of Vermelles and south of Neuchapelle, and were repulsed, the enemy suffering considerable losses."

BRITISH REPULSED.
Berlin, Feb. 10.—Repulse everywhere of British attacks was reported in today's official statement. Artillery activity was reported in Artois and between the Ancre and the Somme.

ARTILLERY FIGHTING.
Paris, Feb. 10.—Lively artillery firing on the west front was reported in the official war office statement tonight.

West of Point-a-Mousson, a successful surprise attack was carried out and 10 German prisoners taken. On both sides of the Meuse there was lively reciprocal artillery firing. Artillery fire was reported at two other points, but there were no infantry attacks.

THE BERLIN REPORT.
Berlin, Feb. 10.—(Wireless).—Lively artillery activity on the north bank of the Somme and on the west bank of the Meuse, on the western front, and on sectors of the Macedonian front between Vardar Lake and Lake Durian, was reported in tonight's official statement.

RECORD FOR THE WEEK.
Statistics of vessels sunk in the "barred zone" since Feb. 5 at midnight, when all restrictions of their operation were removed, showed this retrogression in the totals of ships lost:

Feb. 6—Fourteen ships, total tonnage, 44,457.
Feb. 7—Nine ships, total tonnage, 28,725.
Feb. 8—Ten ships, total tonnage, 23,712.
Feb. 9—Six ships, total tonnage, 10,425.
Feb. 10—Fourteen ships, total tonnage, 27,152.

From Feb. 1 to 10, German submarines had accounted for 89 vessels, with a total tonnage of 266,098. These 89 vessels were divided thus, among the nations of the world:

British 47 vessels, American 1, other neutrals 24, other allies 7.

MANY HAVE ESCAPED.
As against this loss of 89 vessels, New York maritime experts, who claimed to have information from British admiralty sources, said 1160 ships had arrived and departed from British ports since Feb. 1. Seven hundred arrivals and 410 departures were reported. Sixteen ships were reported to have escaped after having been attacked.

LOSS OF JAPANESE PRINCE.
London, Feb. 10.—The British steamer Japanese Prince and the Norwegian steamer Elavore and Haygard were added to the day's list of submarine victims.

Eleven members of the crew of the Elavore were reported missing.

The Japanese Prince was the largest of the ships reported sunk today, being a 4876 ton steamer, built in 1911, and registered at New Castle.

The Elavore was of 2722 tons, also registered at New Castle.

The Haygard was of 1279 tons, registered at Christiania.

ANOTHER NORWEGIAN SUNK.
London, Feb. 10.—The Norwegian steamer Haygard was reported sunk tonight

MOVE BY GERMANY WITHOUT RESPONSE FROM WASHINGTON

Chilly Reception Promised the Request For Negotiations—Representatives of Neutral Powers Anxious to Prevent War Between U. S. and Germany

Washington, Feb. 10.—Germany is feeling out the United States as to avoidance of war. Neutrals have offered to this government to do what they may in an effort to prevent war.

These two facts stood forth boldly tonight, one week after the breaking of diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany.

That Germany will soon make, or has already made a secret proposal, designed to forestall hostilities, was the report from Teutonic and Swiss circles.

Government officials admitted they had expected such a maneuver, but at the same time admitted that they did not take kindly to the reported German move.

BECLUDING THE ISSUE.
They said Germany was merely trying to becloud the issue, swell the pacifist ranks and block the hand of President Wilson, should Germany's ruthless submarine war demand action.

"We cannot consider any conference while Germany is sinking ships," was the expressed semi-official viewpoint.

That the neutrals had offered their services toward peace was officially revealed at the state department late this afternoon.

COMMUNICATION RECEIVED.
President Wilson is known to have received some communication from the Swiss minister during the week, but its contents were concealed.

The state department said officially it knew nothing of any German proposals; suggested they might have been made to President Wilson and indicated they had expected some move—propagandist or sincere. The Swiss minister acting for Germany, at first "would not confirm or deny," the reported German proposal; but after visiting the state department this afternoon flatly denied the story.

HURRIED CONFERENCES.
The Swiss minister's visit followed hurried departmental conferences, after which every high official of the department issued denials of any knowledge of the German overtures, more than to say they had expected some such move would be started.

On the whole, the state department regarded the plan as clever German propaganda, which would be backed by all pacifists in this country and tend to the Wilson's hands.

WANTS TREATY RECONSTRUCTED.
The Swiss minister in his conference just before 6 o'clock did however leave a communication from Germany, asking that the Prussian treaty of 1799 be reconstructed.

Germany wants re-confirmation so that citizens of Germany may remain here nine months, unmolested, in case of war, while Americans may have the same privileges in Germany.

TERMS OF TREATY.
One of the paragraphs of the treaty, bearing on this subject, is: "If war should arise between the two contracting parties, the merchants of either country then residing in the other shall be allowed to remain nine months to collect their debts and settle their affairs and may depart freely, carrying all their effects with them without molestation or hindrance."

If this is permitted to stand, some of those held, Germany would have the advantage, as her citizens in America, far more numerous than Americans in Germany, could do business without interruption for nine months to the ultimate greater advantage to Germany.

TO PUT CASE BEFORE WORLD.
Regarding the new German policy some of those said frankly that Germany may want to put her case before the world, lay the responsibility

VILLA STARTS BIG CAMPAIGN FOR CONTROL OF THE NORTH

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 10.—Villa has started his "big push" against President Carranza's power in northern Mexico, federal officials announced here today. Fighting by one detachment of Villa's followers against government troops was in progress at Casas Grandes today near General Pershing's former headquarters.

In official quarters here it is believed that Villa is beginning a supreme effort to shatter the Carranza power in the north. It is expected one of Villa's first moves will be an attempt on some border city, probably Juarez.

Many bridges on the Mexican Northwestern railway line south of Juarez have been destroyed during the past two days. During last night proclamations signed by Villa were distributed and posted in Juarez warning Americans and other foreigners that travel on Mexican railways during the next week would be dangerous. The proclamation stated that Villa would try to protect "gringos" and all foreigners, but could not guarantee the actions of his men.

Twenty-five persons were arrested in Juarez today suspected of being Villa followers and aiding in the distribution of the posters.

THE WEATHER.
Forecast for Boise and vicinity, FAIR TODAY. Highest temperature yesterday, 33; lowest temperature yesterday, 20; mean temperature yesterday, 25.

Cold weather is general over the country except in the southwest, and in the west gulf and Pacific states, the cold being severe in North Dakota, Minnesota, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, the lake region and the St. Lawrence valley. The lowest reporting station at 8 o'clock last night was Winnipeg, with 14 degrees below the zero mark.

Rain or snow has fallen in western Oregon and Washington and northern California.

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