

# OFFICIALS ARE FEARING SEA DISASTER

## CLAIM A SUB TRAGEDY NOW MEANS BREAK

Sinking of Ship With Americans Aboard Would Cause Immediate Split.

## AWAITING ANSWER

Official Attention Centered on Berlin—Chancellor at Front, Rumor.

London, April 21, (12:30 p. m.)—A Lloyds dispatch from Yumiden, Holland, says the Dutch steamship *Lodewijk Van Nassau* was sunk yesterday afternoon. She went down in six minutes. Five of her crew were drowned. Thirty-six survivors have been landed at Yumiden.

Washington, April 21.—Secretary Lansing, who conferred with the president before the cabinet meeting said he did not expect any action until a reply was received from Germany or unless another ship carrying Americans were torpedoed by a German submarine. He said that in case diplomatic relations between the two nations were broken the work of the United States in caring for the diplomatic interests of Germany in other countries in all likelihood would be suspended.

Gerard Presents Note.  
Word from Ambassador Gerard at Berlin that he had delivered the American note to the German government and some indication from him as to how it was received were awaited with keen expectancy by administration officials today.

Unofficial advices early today saying that he had presented the communication to the foreign office last evening and that the chancellor had not yet seen it because of his absence at army headquarters were read with interest by officials.

Fear Sea Disaster.  
Pending Germany's reply to America's demands that she immediately abandon the present method of conducting the submarine warfare, one of the chief concerns of officials here is the possibility of another attack on a ship carrying Americans. It was admitted that an immediate rupture could only be prevented by proof that Germany had been unable to communicate with her submarine commanders. It is suggested that the German foreign office may be delayed in replying immediately because of a series of religious holidays in Germany which began today and continue until Tuesday.

Bryan Hopes to Preserve Peace.  
Former Secretary of State Bryan, who is here in the hope, as he expressed it, of being of some assistance in preserving peace, continued his conference with democratic members of congress today.

Mr. Bryan's view is that "it would be a crime to enter the present war." The former secretary hopes that diplomacy in the submarine controversy will not fail, although his chief concern, he said, is with the problem of diplomacy does fall.

"The responsibility for declaring war is upon congress, not upon the president," declared Mr. Bryan, "and it is fair to assume that when the duty of acting falls upon congress the president will be willing to refrain from embarrassing congress, as he was anxious that he should not be embarrassed."

He suggests arbitration of any quarrel that may be had with any European nation.

South American Press.  
Rio Janeiro, April 21.—The publication of the American note to Germany treated a deep impression upon public opinion and the press. The *Journal de Commercio* says: "The United States profoundly impressed by the responsibility it assumed in the American continent by the proclamation, adoption and preservation of the Monroe doctrine, feels clearly that if Germany is victorious sooner or later she will turn against the United States the powerful weapons which will have conquered the great strength of the allies."

The *Gazeta de Noticias* says: "North America, by her diplomatic attitude makes herself the leader of..."

## Japan Gives Objection to Alien Bills

Washington, April 21.—Viscount Chinda, the Japanese ambassador, conferred with President Wilson today over the provision of the pending immigration bill which proposed to enclose in the law the so-called "gentlemen's agreement" restricting immigration of Japanese laborers. A memorandum on the subject has been presented to the state department.

The proposed inclusion is a law of an informal agreement which Japan has promised on honor to fulfill, according to information between former Secretary Root and Ambassador Takahara and is understood to be repugnant to the Japanese government.

Other proposed Asiatic exclusion features in the bill as it passed the house and has been reported to the senate are understood to be the subject of objection.

For many obvious reasons the attitude of the administration is said to be one of disinclination to irritate the situation between Japan and the United States which has been smoldering since the California anti-alien land law negotiations went into an indefinite stage three years ago this summer. The United States never has replied to Japan's last note on the California land law. One portion of the bill which is understood to draw the resentment of the Japanese government is the inclusion, by inference at least placing Japanese in the excluded class with Hindus, although the same paragraph of the bill excepts from the exclusion such as are covered in "existing agreements."

This phrase refers to the Root-Takahara agreement.

## THE WAR TODAY

The French delivered an attack near La Mort Homme, northwest of Verdun and drove the Germans out of a series of trenches. The Germans admit that the French captured trenches in the Caillette wood west of Vaux, after a vigorous attack, but say otherwise the attack was repulsed with heavy losses.

The Russians are pursuing the Turks in Asiatic Turkey, their objective now being to cut off communication between the northern and southern Turk armies. Heavy fighting is reported in the Tchuruk region where the Russians are making desperate efforts to capture Bairbut and come into contact with their army now occupying Trebizond.

Artillery engagements along the Russian, German and the Austro-Italian fronts are still going on. Berlin has not yet answered President Wilson's last note on the submarine question.

Offensive operations by the French on both banks of the Meuse in the Verdun region have resulted in the wresting of territory from the Germans.

Following up their success of yesterday in the region of Dead Man's hill, General Petain's forces returned to the attack last night and according to this afternoon's Paris bulletin captured additional trenches and took four officers and 150 men prisoner.

In the Haudeumont wood region east of the Meuse, where substantial German gains were scored recently, the French have been counter attacking and report having made gains in last night's fighting. The repulse of a heavy attack by the Germans on this front also is announced.

Another neutral ship has been sent to the bottom in the dangerous waters between the British and Dutch coasts, the victim being the Dutch steamer *Lodewijk Van Nassau*, bound for Rotterdam with a cargo of saltpeter for Holland's farmers. She was only six minutes in going down, according to the advices and five of her crew were drowned.

## Latest Bulletins

Washington, April 21.—The American consul at Lisbon reported today that the Norwegian steamer *Terjevikin*, which sunk on April 18 off Lisbon harbor, struck a floating mine and that all on board were saved including two Americans.

Chicago, April 21.—The Quaker Oats company is not operating in violation of the Sherman act, according to a decision by judges of the United States circuit court of appeals here today.

Springfield, Ill., April 21.—The state appellate court today in a decision in the case of the people of the state against Henry Ermovich, upholds the right of women to vote in local option elections.

## DUNNE FIGHT EXPECTED AT DEMOS' MEET

Leaders to Insist on Supporting Administration of the Governor.

## PLAN TO BLOCK IT?

Rumors of Move on Foot to Prevent Endorsement at Convention.

Springfield, Ill., April 21.—Visions of a fight in the democratic state convention at the state arsenal here today were seen by State Senator Kent E. Keller, of Ava, who announced that "there would be trouble if there was any attempt made to block a proposal to endorse the administration of Governor Dunne."

Senator Keller said he had heard there would be an effort made to avoid such action by the convention. A resolution endorsing President Wilson's handling of international imbroglios had been prepared for the convention. The badges of all delegates bore a picture of the president and a small American flag.

Attorney General Patrick J. Lucey, of Streator, Ill., was selected for temporary chairman of the democratic state convention here today by the state central committee which met at a local hotel and reorganized by re-electing Arthur W. Charles of Carmit to be chairman.

Hoover Re-elected.  
The other temporary officers of the convention, which is not expected to meet before 7 o'clock this afternoon, although scheduled to meet at noon, were:

Isaac B. Craig, Mattoon, secretary; Charles Russell, assistant secretary, Taylorville; Jerry J. Kane, East St. Louis, sergeant at arms. The other officers of the state central committee elected today are: Douglas Pattison, Freeport, first vice president; Terrence Moran, Chicago, second vice president; Isaac B. Craig, Mattoon, secretary (re-elected); treasurer, Ernest Hoover, Taylorville, (re-elected); and Jerry J. Kane, East St. Louis, sergeant at arms.

Delegates to the democratic national convention in a meeting at a local hotel elected Roger Sullivan chairman of the Illinois delegation and endorsed National Committeeman Charles Boeschstein for reelection.

## Sterling Republican Chairman.

Peoria, Ill., April 21.—Shortly before noon the new republican state central committee met and organized by electing Fred E. Sterling of Rockford chairman. He was chosen by a unanimous vote. Garrett DeF. Kinney of Peoria, the Deneen candidate, withdrew his name when he learned that the Sherman-Lowden-Thompson combination had at least 14 of the 25 state committeemen for Sterling.

Edward E. Miller of East St. Louis was elected secretary of the committee.

## Deneen Is Displaced.

Former Governor Charles S. Deneen of Chicago was displaced as republican state leader after ruling the party organization for 12 years by the victory of the new combination of Senator Sherman, Frank O. Lowden and Mayor William H. Thompson of Chicago. Mayor Thompson in return for throwing his strength to Sterling will receive the support of the new combination for national committeeman. The new deal also indicates the breaking of the deadlock in the Cook county republican committee by the probable election of either W. H. Weber or Congressman Martin B. Madden as chairman.

Senator Sherman said: "Fred E. Sterling will be acceptable to practically every element of the party as chairman of the state committee. Mayor Thompson is satisfactory to me for national committeeman from Illinois, although of course, the selection will not be made until the republican national convention meets in June. The new combination will give us a harmonious party."

Congressman William B. McKinley of Champaign was chosen permanent chairman and C. J. Doyle of Greenville permanent secretary of the convention.

On motion of Orville F. Berry, the convention then took a recess until Sept. 19, at noon, when the delegates will reconvene in Peoria and conclude its business by nominating three university trustees and adopting a party platform.



## MRS. LOUISEROWE NOW EXONERATED

Defendant in Chicago City Hall Controversy Is Freed of Blame by Civil Service Commission.

Chicago, April 21.—The report of the city civil service commission, announced today on charges of Mrs. Paul Waller Eaton, former superintendent of social surveys, that Mrs. Louise Osborne Rowe, commissioner of public welfare, had levied upon her for one-third of her \$3,000 salary for the benefit of Mayor William Hale Thompson's sister-in-law, Mrs. Margaret E. Mivelaz, says that there was no evidence of violation of the civil service law.

The commission decided that Mrs. Eaton's testimony was unsubstantiated and therefore Mrs. Rowe is not guilty because it is "the word of one witness against the other." Another conclusion of the commission is that there was no evidence connecting Mrs. Mivelaz with the matter.

Mrs. Eaton's charges caused a heated controversy during February and March. Investigations were started by the civil service commission and a committee from the city council with the result that the commission has now announced. State's Attorney Maclay Hoyne has announced that he will make an investigation of the case.

The investigation was begun by the commission on orders from Mayor Thompson. "Mazel says you've got to come across," a phrase imputed to Mrs. Rowe by Mrs. Eaton and referring to the wife of the mayor, became one of the principal features of the investigation. On this point Captain Percy Coffin, head of the commission, said: "The expression bore the same relation to the Eaton-Rowe controversy as the red, green and purple lights do to a well managed scenic production. It added aspect and enriched the normal vision. It was an artful phrase, coined to throw glamour on a new political diversion."

## EXPLOSION WRECKS CHICAGO BUILDING

Chicago, April 21.—An explosion at an early hour this morning wrecked the fifth and sixth floors of the factory of the Abbott Alkaloidal company, on the north side here and rocked buildings within a radius of half a mile of the factory. The company is said to have been manufacturing compounds for explosives for the entente allies. Fire which followed the explosion was extinguished.

## German Plot Agent Tells Aids' Names

New York, April 21.—Horst von der Goltz, the German soldier of fortune and secret agent whose statement of details of the plot to destroy the Welland canal was made public by the British government last night, is now detained at the Ellis Island immigration station here. He was brought here from Liverpool on March 28 in the custody of a Scotland Yard detective with the understanding that after he had made his statements to federal officers or a grand jury he should be returned to England to be detained as a war prisoner until the war is over.

Soon after arriving here he was taken before the United States district attorney and it was said that he revealed to the federal officer most of the details of the Welland canal plot. As a result, it is said, of the information he gave to federal officials, indictments were found a few days ago charging complicity in the Welland canal conspiracy against Captain Franz von Pappen, the recalled military attaché of the German embassy; Captain Hans Tauscher, who is said to be agent of the Krupp; Wolfe von Igel, von Pappen's former secretary, in whose office federal officials seized the documents now claimed by the German embassy, Alfred A. Fritzen and Constantine Covani.

There was no mention of von Igel's name in von der Goltz' statement as made public in England. The German embassy now demands von Igel's release from arrest on the ground that he is a member of the German diplomatic organization in this country.

Many names of German propagandists or Germans employed in alleged unneutral activities mentioned in von der Goltz' statement have never before figured publicly in that connection, and can only be identified by inference. Captain Tauscher was arrested about two weeks ago and is at liberty under bail. Fritzen and Covani have not been arrested and the latter is believed to be in Italy.

## OTTUMWA SHERIFF OUSTED FOR GRAFT

Ottumwa, Iowa, April 21.—The board of supervisors, in special session today, appointed George H. Giltner of Ottumwa as sheriff of Wapello county. Mr. Giltner succeeds C. C. Cremer, who was ousted Thursday afternoon by Judge A. N. Hobson of West Union, special jurist, after a nine days' trial on charges of corruption, extortion and mal-administration in office.

## DAY IN CONGRESS

SENATE.  
Resumed discussion of good roads bill providing federal aid on state projects.

HOUSE.  
Consideration of agriculture appropriation bill including forestry problems was renewed.  
Resolution of inquiry regarding the detention of Samuel Schwartz, an American, by British authorities was introduced by Representative Bennett, republican.

## ALBANIA TO JOIN TEUTONIC ALLIES

Prince William of Wied Issues Proclamation Urging People to Submit and Enroll in Army.

Paris, April 21.—A Havas dispatch from Corfu says that Prince William of Wied, recently reported to have been reinstated as ruler of Albania, has issued a proclamation at El Basan, appealing to the people to submit to the Teutonic allies and enroll in the army. The proclamation was signed by the prince and an Austrian officer, Ghirlandini.

## BACHELOR'S ESTATE REACHES 6 FIGURES

Muscatine, Iowa, April 21.—That the estate of the late Charles Hampe, eccentric old bachelor, who was found dead in his poorly furnished room on West Second street last February, goes well into six figures was learned today when the report of the appraisers was made known. J. J. Fishburn, J. F. Harris and F. W. Eversmeyer were the appraisers and they yesterday completed the task of determining what inheritance tax shall be collected on the estate.

The estate is not only one of the largest that has been appraised for the purpose in this county but also shows the unusual situation of having more than \$65,000 cash in the banks. Exclusive of land in Nebraska and Kansas the appraisers declare that the value of the estate is more than \$110,000. Of the estate in Iowa the property is confined to this and Lee counties. Another unusual feature is the small proportion of the estate that is in real property, the vast bulk being in monies, mortgages and credits.

Charles Hampe was the second and last of two brothers, both of whom were of an eccentric character. The brother died several years ago.

## FIRE RUINS STUDENT HOME; \$250,000 LOSS

Iowa City, Iowa, April 21.—Insurance adjusters who today checked over the damage done by the fire which destroyed the Iowa Union early today, fixed the loss at apparently a quarter of a million dollars.

The fire completely destroyed the Union, which was a former hotel building and which was the home of 150 students during the school term. Last night, however, only 27 students were in the building, the remainder being at home for the Easter vacation. Buildings immediately adjacent to the Union also suffered heavy loss.

Several of the students had narrow escapes but none sustained severe injuries. It was said today the loss to students quartered in the Union will be approximately \$200 each, mostly for clothing and books.

Discuss Business Methods.  
Ames, Iowa, April 20.—Better business methods for country newspapers was the subject to be discussed today at the second session of the short course for Iowa country newspapermen at the Iowa state college here. Good typography, advertising rates and agriculture page problems also were to be discussed.

## BIG FORCE IS GATHERING AT BORDER LINE

Movements of the American Troops Are Assuming Greater Proportions.

## HELD IN READINESS

Concentrating Soldiers at Columbus for Any Emergency.

El Paso, Tex., April 21.—Movements of American troops from points along the border to the army base at Columbus, N. M., where they will be held in readiness to reinforce General Pershing's army in case of necessity, still continued today. Dispatches from the front indicated that everything was quiet and that American troops in Mexico were awaiting developments at Washington before making any further effort to capture Francisco Villa.

Officials of the de facto government, said there was no basis for the reports that uprisings were imminent in northern Durango and lower Chihuahua. It was explained at Juarez that the movement of the Carranza troops into the Parral district was not intended as a threat to bar the further advance of the American forces but that the de facto soldiers had been sent there to preserve order and prevent destruction of private property.

Andres Garcia, Mexican consul, said today that the work of the American expedition was concluded and that he hoped that in a few days the order would come from Washington for the troops to be withdrawn.

## Gives Up of Railways.

Washington, April 21.—A border report that General Huerrera has granted use of the Mexican railways to Colonel Brown and the 10th cavalry to "withdraw from Parral" was explained today by army officials as merely a movement of the American advance field base near Parral. Secretary Baker insisted there were no orders or information upon which to base a withdrawal rumor. The department had been previously officially advised that Mexican authorities would not object to a base somewhat nearer Parral. No dispatches came to the war department overnight from General Funston and all information indicated the Villa hunt was practically at a standstill.

Carranzistas Attacked Americans.  
Pershing's camp at front. (April 15, via aeroplane to Columbus, N. M., April 21.)—The fight at Parral, where, according to indisputable evidence reaching here today, Carranza troops in force attacked the cavalry command of Major Frank Tompkins, has changed the entire aspect of the Villa chase so far as immediate military plans are concerned.

Heretofore, the American troops have reckoned only on meeting opposition from brigands, but resistance from regular armed troops of the Mexican army put the American military leaders immediately under the necessity of preparing for serious difficulties. It can be stated that within a few hours after the Parral fight, the new disposition of American troops was partly completed and within two days its most important features had been entirely carried out.

On April 12, about noon, Major Frank Tompkins of the 13th cavalry, who chased the Villistas across the international line at Columbus, went into Parral with only a small portion of his force, which totaled about 150 men including a pack train outfit. He had troops M and K of the Thirteenth.

Messenger Killed by Bandits.  
Major Tompkins had taken the precaution the night before, to send word

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## THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity.  
Unsettled and continued cool weather tonight; Saturday fair with rising temperature. Fresh westerly winds. Temperature at 7 a. m., 42. Highest yesterday, 64; lowest last night, 42. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 16 miles per hour.  
Precipitation, .13 inch.  
Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 87; at 7 a. m., 83; at 1 p. m. today, 74.  
Stage of water, 14 feet, a fall of .1 in last 24 hours.  
J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.