

ers, Ocean Steamship Company, pier 35, North river, New York.

The second was as follows:

"No news yet of Captain Borum. City of Memphis ship's papers found today in a biscuit tin in the captain's boat, which was picked up 11 a. m. 18th instant.

"Boat showed signs of hasty abandonment, discarded overcoats, etc., with bright silk handkerchief at the masthead as if, showing boat was not abandoned until after daylight. It is barely possible that all nine of boat (the captain, four other Americans and four foreigners of crew) were taken by German submarine, but more probably by some friendly craft having no wireless."

Mr. Lansing refused to comment in any way on the situation, and Counselor Frank L. Polk, on receiving the newspaper men at the State Department, dismissed all inquiries saying: "Gentlemen, the situation is too grave to discuss."

Agreed on Idea.

Officials seem agreed on the idea that while the President would have no authority himself to declare war and could not, without authority from Congress, call for volunteers or undertake to send any military expedition to Europe, he can send any part or all of the American fleet out to sea to patrol the lanes of commerce used by American merchantmen and convoy vessels through the danger zone.

It is taken for granted, of course, that any such action as this would lead to open hostilities and that practically, if not legally, the United States might well be at war long before the formal declaration is served by Congress.

24 STILL MISSING

City of Memphis Survivor Tells of Hardship on Cold, Rough Sea.

LONDON, March 19.—Shortly before noon today consular reports to the American embassy here declared that the captain's boat of the torpedoed American steamer City of Memphis was still unaccounted for. There were eight men in this boat.

In all, twenty-four members of the crews of two of the three American ships sunk by German submarines were missing today. The three steamers were the Vigilancia, the City of Memphis and the Illinois. All the crew of the Illinois were safely landed.

The Vigilancia was struck by a torpedo without warning. Lookouts did not even see the periscope of the submarine, nor did the U-boat emerge from the sea after the ship had been struck by her death blow.

The City of Memphis was first struck by shells from the submarine and then sunk by a torpedo.

The men reported missing were:

City of Memphis—Captain Borum, four Americans and four other citizens of the crew still missing.

Vigilancia—Third mate, fourth engineer and thirteen men still missing.

Third Engineer Thompson, one of the survivors of the City of Memphis, said the German submarine cruised about among the lifeboats bearing survivors of the American steamer, seeking the captain. The boat commander talked briefly with Captain Borum and then departed, after refusing assistance.

"There was a heavy swell on at that time," Thompson, "and to this was added the discomfort of a biting cold wind. We all suffered severely during the night, and our boats were separated. Everybody lost all belongings."

AEROPLANES SAVE SHIP

Attack Submarine With Rifle Fire and Force Its Withdrawal.

NEW YORK, March 19.—Two aeroplanes saved the steamer Eastgate from destruction by driving off an attacking submarine near the French coast, according to the crew of the rescued steamer, which docked here today.

The Eastgate was stopped by a shot across the bow shortly after leaving La Pallice, France, and orders from the commander of the submarine to the Eastgate's crew took to the boats. The submarine was about to launch a torpedo when the aeroplanes swooped into action, attacking the boat with rifle fire and forcing it to withdraw.

NAVY OFFICERS LEAVE

Depart From Annapolis Academy for Destinations Which Are Secret.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 19.—The work of the post-graduate school at the Naval Academy practically came to an end this morning, temporarily at least, on account of the detachment of seventeen junior grade lieutenants who have been students there. This leaves only three or four still in attendance, and their orders are expected shortly.

The destination of the detached officers is a profound secret, but there is no doubt they will be used in the scheme devised by the Navy Department for the protection of United States commerce. Many of these officers left Annapolis during the day.

The early graduation of the first class of midshipmen has become more probable. This can be ordered by the Secretary of the Navy at any time.

Captain Eberle, superintendent of the Academy, is in close touch with the department. He stated this morning that no movement in that direction had been made as yet.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

Forecast for the District of Columbia—Fair, continued cold tonight; temperature about 24 degrees tomorrow; fair, warmer; gentle to moderate east wind.

For Maryland—Fair, continued cold tonight; Tuesday fair; warmer; with freezing temperature. Today, fair; warmer; moderate north to east winds.

Temperatures.

8 a. m.	25
9 a. m.	29
10 a. m.	30
11 a. m.	31
12 noon	34
1 p. m.	35
2 p. m.	37
3 p. m.	38

Average temperature for this date for the last 35 years—43.

Tide Table.

High tides.	4:14 a. m., height 2.1
	4:45 p. m., height 2.3
Low tides.	10:55 a. m., height 0.5
	11:30 p. m., height 0.4

Sun and Moon Table.

Sun rose.	6:14 a. m.
Sun sets.	6:19 p. m.
Moon rises.	3:51 a. m.
Moon sets.	2:25 p. m.

Light automobile lamps 6:40 p. m.

MEMBERS EAGER FOR EARLY SESSION

Senators and Congressmen Believe Wilson Should Promptly Issue Call.

News of the sinking of three American ships in rapid succession by German submarines has profoundly disturbed Congress. Many members of the Senate and House are in the city, and the effect of the news of the sinkings on them has been to drive from their minds nearly every vestige of hope that war with Germany can be averted.

The recent sinking of the Algonquin was widely looked on as symptomatic that Germany intended to drive ahead in her submarine war with reckless disregard of consequences and ruthless disregard of the property rights and lives of neutrals.

Now, the trio of blows at American shipping has accentuated this feeling among members of Congress that the Berlin policy will not be changed and that America might as well quit clinging to the hope of peace and strip for action.

Would Have Full Backing.

Strong talk to the effect that President Wilson ought not to wait until April 16, but ought to call Congress at once in extra session, is heard.

Although the President has called the extra session for April 16, there is nothing to prevent him issuing a new call for an earlier date. He can, if he deems it, call Congress together immediately, allowing only time for members to hasten by train to Washington. This last requirement is, simply one of practicability and the convenience of members.

Railroad Settlement Is Relief.

Sinking of American vessels, grave as it is, is viewed as of no greater importance in Congress circles than the settlement of the railroad controversy. The feeling is evident on all hands that if war must come it can be faced with comparative equanimity if the transportation of the nation is safe and there is no tie-up of industries.

McCumber Is Emphatic.

Several Senators and House members called attention to the fact two of the vessels sunk were not headed for Europe at all, but were coming toward America in ballast, and that this aggravated the offense.

"The sinking of these American vessels with their attendant loss of American lives is an act of war," declared Senator McCumber of North Dakota. "War has been thrust upon us, and declared Senator Poindexter of Washington.

TO REORGANIZE MD. GUARD

Sweeping Changes Affecting High Officers, Are Expected.

BALTIMORE, March 19.—There will be important changes in the Maryland National Guard before many weeks are over—changes that will affect some of the higher officers.

There is to be a complete reorganization of the guard in Maryland, including the probable recruiting up to its war strength of 9,000 men. Eric Gen. Charles D. Galther, who has been connected with the guard for many years and is thoroughly familiar with conditions, has for some time contemplated numerous changes. There is no doubt that the general's ideas will be put into effect, soon.

Some of those who will receive promotions are men who have not been talked about much outside of their own regiments or battalions, but who, nevertheless, have splendid reputations for efficiency among those who have watched their work and know their ability.

Col. Benjamin W. Atkinson, chief of staff at the headquarters of the eighth division of the National Guard, which was established in Baltimore Saturday, is expected back soon. One of the first things Colonel Atkinson will do will be to find out just how the National Guard of Maryland stands in the matter of equipment.

SEES END OF WAR.

YORK, Pa., March 19.—Lee J. Spangler, who has done much prophesying, is out with his bulletin for 1917. He predicts that the United States will go to war, and that France will be the victor of the world. He alleges that the Kaiser in a short time will be compelled to give up. Spangler predicts that this year will be the most horrible year the world has ever seen, but it will be the last of war.

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THE ILLINOIS INSURED BY U. S. FOR \$250,000

Sinking of the steamer Illinois will cost the Government War Risk Insurance Bureau \$250,000.

The Illinois was insured by the bureau for this amount.

A large amount of war risk insurance was also carried on the Vigilancia for her return voyage to the United States, but it did not apply on her outbound voyage, on which she was sunk.

The Illinois was sunk while homeward bound.

NATION RUSHES ITS WAR PREPARATIONS

Defense Work Being Put on 24-Hour-a-Day Basis by Army and Navy.

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national defense, and with W. S. Gifford, director of the council, this afternoon.

The committee is composed of Mr. Vail, Newcomb Carlton, president of the Western Union Telegraph Company; Charles P. Bruch, vice president of the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company; F. B. McKinnon, vice president of the United States Independent Telephone Association, and N. C. Kingsbury, vice president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

To Open Bids Wednesday.

Secretary Daniels will open bids Wednesday for several hundred, 110-foot motor boats to be used as submarine chasers. Secretary Daniels announced today he had sent specifications to 100 companies with facilities for manufacture of these boats. Each company is expected to build several boats, which will give the navy a mosquito fleet, manned by reserve officers, to patrol every foot of the American coast during war time.

Will Not Hesitate.

Secretary Daniels said today he hoped commandeering of American ship yards or construction plants will not be necessary, but he said if any plant equipped to do naval work refuses he will not hesitate to take over the plant for the Government.

"President Wilson is said to be ready to proclaim a 'national emergency' to comply with the terms of the naval appropriation bill and thus legalize the commandeering of these plants.

Action Authorized.

A provision of the last navy bill authorizes the department to commandeer private merchant's ships and munition plants in a national emergency to be proclaimed by the President.

In connection with the criticism of certain firms, the department today officially commended the "patriotism" of the Carnegie Steel Company as particularly worthy of mention. There are, however, the department said, many other American firms—in fact, an overwhelming majority—which have responded patriotically to the Government's appeal.

LAWSON TAXES OVERDUE

Boston Collector Threatens to Sell Four Real Estate Parcels Affected.

BOSTON, March 19.—Unless Thomas W. Lawson and the members of his family, as heirs of Mrs. Jennett A. Lawson, wife of Mr. Lawson, make payment to the city of taxes overdue various parcels of property will be sold at auction by City Collector Curley.

The property includes real estate at 536 Beacon street, 1 Charlesgate East, corner of Bay State road and Raleigh street, and corner of Bay State road and Charlesgate West. The amount due for taxes is about \$400. Collector Curley has announced that he will sell the properties at auction April 4 unless payment is made before that time.

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ALLIES MAKE GREAT GAINS IN THE WEST

Score Greatest Success Since Germans' Early Sweep Toward the Marne.

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The Germans were unable to take with them in the flight cheered the victorious troops.

"East of the Oise German second line positions were carried. To the east of Neuf at several points, French have reached the Nestle-Ham railroad.

"North of Noyon the French have occupied Guisard. Cavalry has reached the St. Quentin national road.

"Around Verdun on Sunday evening a violent German attack was stopped short in French machine gun fire curtains.

"Between Avoucourt and Dead Man Hill, German losses were heavy. In their attacks they reached only advanced positions between Hill 303 and the edge of Avoucourt Wood, from which they were expelled after hand to hand encounter."

TURKS IN RETREAT

Retire Before Advancing Russians. Who Occupy Harunabad.

PETROGRAD, March 19.—The vance of Russian forces, the official news of Russian forces, the official statement regarding operations in the south today stated. Russian forces have occupied Harunabad.

The Grand Duke Nicholas, now commander-in-chief of Russia's war forces at Tiflis, today ordered the release of the German prisoners at Baku and exhorted his soldiers to continue to obey their lawful chiefs. He urged they "defend their country and support Russia's allies in this unprecedented struggle."

UNITE UNDER RED FLAG

Troops and Populace Stand Together in Moscow.

MOSCOW, March 19.—Troops and the populace united under the red flag that formerly stood for anarchy, and violence was the strange spectacle here today.

It followed yesterday's fraternizing of the two forces in a great parade.

Most of the soldiers wore bits of red ribbon on the breasts of their uniforms, while the civilian paraders bore the red flags aloft.

PETROGRAD NOW QUIET.

Petrograd is quiet, and a similar condition appears to be apparent in other parts of the Russian empire, according to the first cablegram received from Ambassador Wilton since early last week to the State Department.

LIKEN RETREAT TO MARNE

Only Machine Gun Squad and Bicycle Troops Left Behind.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES ADVANCING FROM ROYE, March 19.—The German retreat over the thirteen-mile front from Chaumes to the Oise is precipitate. It is of an entirely different character from the German retreat before the English north of the Somme. There the Teutons are fighting hard.

Today the French forces began comparing the German retreat before the Marne. Only machine-gun squads and bicycle troops are being left behind by the enemy to cover the retreat. Many of these are being taken prisoners.

TWO ADMIT BANKRUPTCY

Dry Goods Dealer and Restaurateur File Petitions in District Court.

Petitions in voluntary bankruptcy were filed in the District Supreme Court today by George F. Harbin, who conducts a dry goods business at 215 Pennsylvania avenue southeast, and Andrew J. Rady, proprietor of "Rady's Cafe," 605 Pennsylvania avenue northwest.

Harbin places his debts at \$25,415.35, and his assets at \$19,917. Rady sets forth his debts at \$1,561.32, and his assets at \$1,095.

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BOILERS AGAIN HOT AT ST. ELIZABETH'S

All Buildings at Hospital Heated for First Time in Two Weeks.

All buildings at St. Elizabeth's Hospital were heated today for the first time in two weeks.

Because of coal shortage and the threatened railroad strike, all the heating boilers were closed down four days ago, and patients, attendants and members of the hospital staff have suffered much discomfort.

There has been no sickness or suffering at the institution for lack of heat, Superintendent White declared today.

The hospital has an extensive power plant which supplies light, power, heat and water to all the buildings, and runs the laundry and repair machinery. For months the supply of coal has been short, and it was possible to keep just enough for operations.

Two weeks ago, to conserve the coal, so as to insure the water supply and essential power, and sufficient coal for cooking, the boilers heating the quarters of the nurses, attendants and hospital staff were shut down.

Four days ago, with the coal supply low and a railroad strike threatened, heating boilers for the buildings for patients, and even the sick wards, were cut off.

A fresh supply of coal was received yesterday, sufficient for several days, and when the mercury fell below

NAVY SEEKS 200 "CHASERS" OF SUBS

Also Will Take Over Private Motorboats Already in Use.

Appeals to more than 100 boat building concerns to at once provide the Government with 200 or more 110-foot motorboats for use as submarine chasers have been sent out by the War Department, it was officially announced today.

Bids in response to the appeal will be opened on Wednesday.

The "chasers" will be manned by naval militia and the enlisted men's volunteer reserve, consisting largely of fishermen and seafaring men along the Atlantic coast. Large numbers of these have volunteered for immediate service on the "chasers" should their services be required, it was stated.

The boats will be constructed out of the \$115,000,000 emergency fund appropriated by Congress for use in a national emergency. They are to have from twenty-five to thirty-five knots speed. Deliveries are expected to be begun within four months.

In addition to the immediate construction of the "chasers," the department has plans perfected for taking over all private motorboats of sufficient size and speed to meet requirements, should the country need them. Naval boards in every coast State have listed all available vessels and drawn tentative contracts for their transfer as naval auxiliaries. Telegraph orders from the department at Washington to close the contracts and take over the ships would be all that is necessary, the department stated. Boats as small as eighty-five feet, and possibly smaller, will be subject to selection.

ADMITS AID TO ENTENTE

But Germany Doubts Russian Revolution Can Survive.

BERLIN March 19 (by wireless).—Germany is not sure the Russian revolution will be able to survive, in the face of the Russian people's demand for bread.

High circles today were frank in stating their opinion that the revolt was distinctly an aid to England and the entente. The old government has been suspected of a desire to make a separate peace. But the new foreign minister, Milukoff, is known here as England's friend. He and all other members of the cabinet are known to favor continuation of the war.

These German officials suggested today that in view of the fact that the Russian Socialists favor an immediate peace there is likely to be another revolution against the revolutionists—started by the workmen. Doubt is expressed that the new regime will be able to give the people bread. It was precisely this pinch of hunger which, in the main, caused the first revolution.

Berlin newspaper comment today expressed disbelief that a country with internal fights can successfully advance in military fashion against its foes.

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Palais Royal—Street Floor.

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