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## LANSING PREPARING DATA FOR REPLY TO GERMAN NOTE; SITUATION MOST CRITICAL

UTMOST DELIBERATION WILL BE REQUIRED TO MEET SITUATION FIRMLY

REPLY MAY BE DELAYED WEEK

Officials Think Note Should be Final Declaration of Attitude of United States.

Washington, July 12.—Secretary Lansing spent most of today preparing data and opinions for the American reply to the German note on submarine warfare. He indicated he probably will not go to Cornish as the president will probably return before the end of the week.

The situation is described in official quarters as critical. There was no concealment of the fact that relations between the United States and Germany are the most strained in history.

High officials said the American policy will be worked out carefully. That to meet the situation firmly the utmost deliberation is required. It was stated a delay of a week or more cannot be interpreted as meaning the United States will recede from the position taken in the two previous notes to Berlin.

There was much informal discussion of the German note. The trend of the opinions of officials that the German evasion has narrowed the field of negotiations so that the United States must state to some extent American intentions if her rights are further violated and declare the position it will take with reference to Germany's refusal to disavow the sinking of the Lusitania. German quarters here don't regard the situation as critical.

Washington, July 12.—Secretary Lansing today began working on the draft of a note to be sent to Germany expressing the attitude the United States will take toward submarine warfare as it affects neutral.

When draft is completed there will be a consultation between Lansing and the president, who will decide the policy to be pursued.

No intimation is obtainable concerning the course the United States will follow, but every indication in the official quarter is that the relations between Germany and the United States is so strained that it is necessary to weigh carefully the phraseology and contents of the next note. That there will be no surrender of American rights in the note is deemed practically certain, and it also seems assured that the German proposals for the immunity of American passenger ships not carrying contraband will be rejected.

## GOV. MANNING ON THE GERMAN REPLY

Hopes President Will Find Way to Avert War Which is Serious Possibility.

Columbia, July 12.—Gov. Manning last night gave out the following statement: "The German note falls to comply with guarantees required by President Wilson. The president will insist on the protection of American lives and American interests and will assert our rights under international law. The insistence may break diplomatic relations. I hope and believe the president will find a way to avoid war and still maintain the honor of America, but the people of this country trust his judgment and will support him, whatever the event."

## Labor Leader Denied New Trial; Sentenced To Prison For Life

Trinidad, Col., July 12.—July 12.—John R. Lawson, the labor leader, convicted of murder in connection with the strike disorders was denied a new trial by Judge Hillier in district court here today, and was sentenced to hard labor in the state prison for life.

## SHIPS WARNED TO WATCH FOR BOMBS IN HOLD

NEW ORLEANS PAPER GETS LETTER SAYING BOMBS WERE SHIPPED

## SHIPS WARNED BY WIRELESS

Officials Fear for Vessels After Receipt of Warning by Newspaper.

Washington, July 12.—Navy officials today awaited responses from the British steamers Howth Head and Baron Napier, carrying mules for the British army and supposed to be off the South Atlantic coast, to warnings wireless them to watch out for bombs in their holds.

Both vessels sailed from New Orleans, July 9, the Howth Head for Dublin, via Norfolk, and the Baron Napier direct for Avonmouth.

The warnings were sent following the receipt by Secretary Daniels of a telegram last night from a New Orleans newspaper stating that a letter had been received by the newspaper from a person who signed himself "Pearce," which indicated that explosives had been placed aboard both vessels. The letter declared the writer intended to kill J. P. Morgan and the British ambassador, Sir Spring-Rice, and complete the work unfinished by Erich Muentzer, alias Frank Holt. The writer said he is a partner of Holt's.

New Orleans, July 12.—Federal officials here this morning have heard nothing from the steamers Howth Head and Baron Napier, supposed to have bombs aboard them, placed by the person who wrote a letter to a local newspaper signed, "Pearce." The writer said he intended to prevent the shipment of mules and war munitions to the allies. He stated that he had enough dynamite to

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## EXTRA POLICE GUARD FOR GOV. WHITMAN

Precautionary Measures Taken to Protect Life of New York Governor.

Albany, July 12.—A special police guard has been stationed about the executive mansion here to prevent the possibility of violence to Gov. Whitman or of damages to the executive mansion. The Albany police said today that the precautionary measure was brought about by the shooting of J. P. Morgan and the approaching execution of ex-Police Lieut. Becker.

Three members of the Albany police force have been specially detailed to watch the governor's house, one man being continually on guard.

The governor made a personal request for the guard yesterday morning, according to a statement made at police headquarters.

Mrs. Whitman and the two Whitman children are at the Whitman summer home at Newport.

## EDISON WILL ADVISE NAVY DEPARTMENT

GREAT INVENTOR ACCEPTS INVITATION TO HEAD ADVISORY BOARD

SUBMARINE IS SPECIAL SUBJECT

Board of Civilian Inventors Will Create New Devices for This Department.

West Orange, N. J., July 12.—Thomas A. Edison has accepted the invitation of Secretary Daniels to head an advisory board of civilian inventors for a bureau of invention and development to be erected in the navy department. His acceptance will go forward immediately to Washington where the new plans await word from him.

Daniels' idea for utilizing the inventive genius of Americans in and out of military and naval service to meet conditions of warfare shown in Europe is outlined in a letter written last Wednesday, asking Edison, whether as a patriotic service to the country he would undertake the task of advising the proposed bureau. The plan is to have several men prominent in special lines of inventive research associated in the work. Among the problems to be laid before the board for investigation Daniels mentioned submarine warfare. He added he felt sure that with Edison's wonderful brain to help them the officers of the navy would be able to meet this new danger with new devices that will assure peace to our country by their effectiveness.

## GETS PAROLE TO REGAIN HEALTH

Spartanburg Convict Granted Six Months Leave of Absence to Improve Health.

Columbia, July 12.—Governor Manning this morning granted an unusual parole to Bob Dobson, a white man convicted the January, 1915, court for Spartanburg county of burglary and larceny and sentenced to serve seven years on the chain gang or the penitentiary. The parole was granted for six months that opportunity may be given Dobson to improve his health. The prisoner is to report to the supervisor and sheriff of Spartanburg county at the end of six months.

## DEATH OF FRANK HOLT REMAINS A MYSTERY

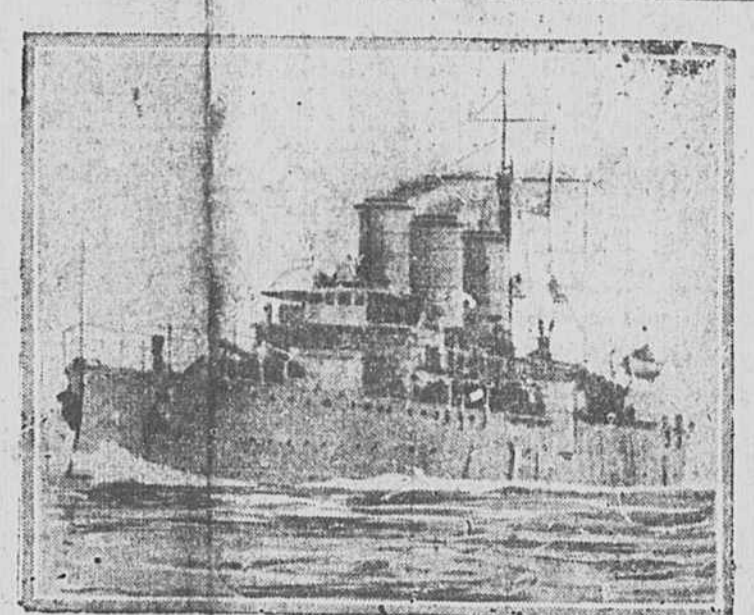
Newspaper Men Not Inclined to Believe Prisoner a Suicide.

New York, July 12.—I hope that Gov. Whitman does send his men down here to investigate. I hope that they turn the whole thing upside down. Then the governor will find out all about the lies that have been published."

With these words District Attorney Lewis J. Smith, of Nassau County hotly voiced yesterday his disapproval of the widespread conviction that the "official investigation" into the death of Frank Holt is so far a disgraceful farce.

Mr. Smith spoke his views after a long conference with the board of supervisors of Nassau county, behind closed doors in the court house at Midsela. The result of the conference was the complete acquiescence of the board's openly announced plan to make an immediate investigation of their own. Only the night before this announcement was made official, and the first session of the board was held for yesterday morning at 10 o'clock sharp. But, instead of an investigation there was a star chamber conference of the supervisors with the district attorney after which the board, in its vernacular "quit cold."

## Italian Cruiser Sunk By Austrians



The Amalfi.

This is the Italian armored cruiser Amalfi, the first Italian warship, to be blown up by a submarine since the nation entered the war. She was cruising in the Northern Adriatic presumably in the neighborhood of the great Austrian naval base, Pola, when a submarine struck her. This is believed to be a submarine sent overland in pieces by the Germans. The Austrians, for their navy was not strong in submarines when the war began. The official Italian account of the sinking says: "The commander, before giving orders to the crew to jump overboard, cried 'Long live the king, long live Italy!' The entire crew, drawn up along the stern, echoed the shout, giving a remarkable exhibition of courage and discipline. "The commander, who was the last to leave, slipped overboard shortly before the Amalfi sank. Nearly all the officers and crew were saved."

## PLAN RELIEF OF DYE FAMINE

TO COOPERATE WITH SWITZERLAND IN MANUFACTURE OF PRODUCTS

GERMANY TO STOP SWISS SUPPLY

America Will Ship Intermediate Products to Switzerland for Finishing Process.

Washington, July 12.—Negotiations were begun today through trade advisers of the state department and bureau of foreign and domestic commerce for cooperation between dye manufacturers of the United States and Switzerland to meet the serious scarcity of dyestuffs resulting from the cutting off of German coal tar dyes. Americans seek to utilize Swiss dye works pending the developments of the industry here.

The Swiss plants heretofore received from Germany their supplies of so-called "intermediate" coal tar products to be made into finished dyes. Germany is now threatening to cut off this supply, charging that the finished product is being exported to France and England.

The new American dyestuffs industry, now in a position to furnish large quantities of intermediates. It is planned to ship this to Switzerland for the finishing process. A statement issued today by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce asserts that the effects of the dyestuffs famine are becoming more and more apparent.

## PANTS MAKERS ON STRIKE FOR SANITARY CONDITIONS

New York, July 12.—Ten thousand pants makers went on strike here today for sanitary shops, recognition of the union and wage increase. Union officials conferred on the feasibility of calling on additional 8,400 workers in the men's clothing industry.

## HAMBURG-AMERICAN LINE DENIES REPORT OF FAILURE

Berlin, July 12.—The recently published report that the Hamburg-American Steamship company had failed, because of the heavy losses sustained during the war, was denied today by the semi-official Wolff news agency.

## MORE TROOPS TO DARDANELLES

Manila, July 12.—Persons arriving here from Saigon, capital of French Cochinchina, report that all vessels belonging to the Messageries Maritimes are being transformed into transports to carry Russian troops to the Dardanelles.

## ALIENIST SAYS THAW PARANOIAC

DR. AUSTIN FLINT GIVES OPINION AT THAW'S SANITY TRIAL

CONSTITUTIONAL INFERIORITY

Flint Doesn't Know What it Means But Believes Thaw Afflicted With it.

New York, July 12.—Dr. Austin Flint, alienist, testifying at the sanity trial of Harry K. Thaw, said he believed Thaw is suffering with "paranoia or constitutional inferiority with a paranoid trend." Cross examined, he said he didn't know what "constitutional inferiority" meant but had used the term, which he described as new, because he thought it applicable.

John B. Stanchfield, Thaw's chief attorney, contended that testimony had shown Thaw lived a normal life in New Hampshire after his escape from Matteawan. Flint declared this was not inconsistent with his theory. Flint said he didn't think Thaw had shown evidences of paranoia in court but to him Thaw doesn't act like a sane man. Answering a question from Justice Hendrick, Flint said if he didn't know the history of Thaw's case he wouldn't think him a paranoiac from indications in court.

## MANY LIVES LOST IN FLOODS IN CHINA

Cosular Report Says Island in Canton Harbor Entirely Submerged.

Washington, July 12.—The loss of many lives as the result of unprecedented floods in the provinces of Kwangtung and Kwangsi, China, was announced today in a dispatch to the state department from Consul General Cheshire at Canton. Cheshire said the island of Chiameon in Canton Harbor was flooded two or three feet. There is a total cessation of railroad traffic and trade. Aid is needed immediately.

## BRITISH DESTROY GERMAN CRUISER

London, July 12.—German protected cruiser Koenigsberg, which last fall took refuge from the British fleet in the Phihji river in German east Africa has been wrecked by British river monitors. The British casualties were four men killed and six wounded.

## GERMANS GAIN GROUND AT SONCHEZ, NORTH OF ARRAS; LITTLE ACTIVITY IN EAST

## CARRANZA'S MEN TAKE LAS VACAS AND PAREDON

VILLA TROOPS SHORT OF AMMUNITION AND OFFER LITTLE RESISTANCE

## RESTORING ORDER IN MEXICO CITY

Gen. Gonzales Working to Reorganize Local Government in Devastated Capital.

Del Rio, Texas, July 12.—Las Vacas, Mexico, opposite Del Rio, was captured from the Villa troops today by Carranza forces after two hours fighting. The casualties are reported to have been twenty-one Villa and five Carranza soldiers killed.

Laredo, Texas, July 12.—Carranza authorities at Neve Laredo tonight announced the capture of Paredon, about twenty miles north of Monterrey, and the town of Hermanos, near Moulouva. At Hermanos the dead are estimated at fifty on each side. At Paredon the fighting was only skirmishes. The Villa troops were short of ammunition and offered little resistance.

Gonzales Restoring Order. Mexico City, July 12.—General Gonzales, the Mexican capital's newest dictator, and his staff are working to reorganize the local government for a quick return to normal conditions. Outside of the city 40 trains with 300 car-loads of food are awaiting the construction of a temporary bridge to the city.

Carranza Wants Recognition. Washington, July 12.—Villistas defeated 2,000 Carranzistas at Cabulla in Sonora after four hours of fighting, according to a dispatch to the Villa agency. The Carranza agency has announced that a victory

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## COLE L. BLEASE MAY RUN FOR GOVERNOR

Former Chief Executive Expected to Enter gubernatorial Race Again.

Columbia, July 12.—"In all probability I will be in the race for governor next summer," said Former Governor Cole L. Blease Saturday morning when asked the question by newspaper men, who directed his attention to a story in an Atlanta paper yesterday, which quoted Warehouse Commissioner McLaurin as saying that the former governor would run again next summer. He would not make a definite statement, as he stated that it was too far off but left very little doubt in the newspaper men's minds about the matter.

The former governor said he had received many letters from people all over the state and many had called in person urging him to run for governor. He read part of an answer he was writing to a friend in which he made the statement that he would probably run for governor next summer.

Archbishop's Funeral. Rochester, N. Y., July 12.—The funeral for James Edward Guiley, the Catholic archbishop of Chicago, who died here Saturday, was held today. The body will be taken to Chicago for burial.

Makes a Tie With a Ty. San Francisco, July 12.—Jack Nena, Oakland's first baseman, in the Pacific Coast League, hit safely in two games yesterday, making 40 consecutive games in which he made at least one hit. This ties the world's record held by Ty Cobb.

## Government May Manufacture Aeroplane Motors at Pensacola

Washington, July 12.—Several new aeroplane motors are to be delivered to the navy department for testing purposes soon. Secretary Daniels said today that until a type satisfactory for navy use is determined upon and it is known how rapidly it can be supplied it is improbable that the number of naval aircraft will be recommended congress will be fixed by the general board. The Pensacola yard will be used for motor building if the government cannot find a private maker who can supply satisfactory machines as fast as needed.

FRENCH ADMIT LOSS OF THE CEMETERY AT SOUCHEZ

GERMANS USED GAS IN ATTACK

Teutons Also Claim to Have Destroyed Position of British at Hill Sixty.

London, July 12.—By a savage attack the Germans took Souchez cemetery from the French. This is seven miles north of Arras. The battle was one of the severest of the war. The position was taken after a gas attack and hand to hand fighting. The French admit the loss and are fighting to regain the lost ground. The French have been tightening their grip on Souchez. The Germans were aware its capture would be an important step in their French offensive toward Lens and Lille. They launched a terrific counter-attack and took the cemetery and one hundred and fifty prisoners. Fighting on the western edge of the town continues. There has also been recent activity in other parts of the western front. The Germans claim to have destroyed the British position on Hill Sixty near Ypres.

The situation in Poland and Galicia has not reached a crisis. The public, though is weary of following the Russian retreat and is looking to the west. They feel that something must happen, otherwise another winter of trench warfare is inevitable.

London, July 12.—There is comparative calm in the various fighting areas today, except on the Austro-Italian front, where the Italians claim a substantial advance toward Trieste.

Petrograd is elated over the Russian success in South Poland. The Austrians are reported to have lost one of the three corps which began the advance against Lublin. The Austrians are reminded however, that this is only a local triumph on forty miles of a thousand mile front. The Austrian operations against the Warsaw railways is reported as checked if not thwarted which means that the threatened advance on Warsaw is less dangerous now than when the Austro-German attack began.

Austrian headquarters in Galicia explain the apparent lull in the Teutons advance by asserting that the Teutons fixed Lemberg as the objective of the present campaign with the purpose of establishing themselves in strong defensive positions to the northward, so as to use part of their troops elsewhere. They declared the Austrians have resisted all further Russian attacks beyond Krasnik. The Teutonic and Russian armies are in an apparent deadlock south of Lublin.

Petrograd reports continued fighting along the front from Jozetow to Byehawa, where the Austrians are again the aggressors. A Turkish war office report says the bombardment of Gaba Tepe, near the tip of the Gallipoli peninsula by a cruiser, presumably British, and protected by torpedo craft, failed. It is declared the warship was hit, and forced to withdraw.

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