

Berlin Says Commander's Error Was Made in Good Faith—Offers to indemnify Americans.

A German note acknowledging responsibility for the destruction of the steamship Sussex, promising reparation and announcing punishment of the submarine commander was received at the state department from the American ambassador at Berlin, James W. Gerard.

The text of the note reveals that Germany, while contending that the submarine commander "acted in the bona fide belief that he was facing an enemy warship" when he torpedoed the Sussex, nevertheless says he formed his judgment too hastily, and did not act in strict accordance with his instructions, and the imperial government therefore frankly admits that assurances given the United States were not adhered to in this instance.

The note expresses "sincere regret regarding the deplorable incident" and declares Germany's readiness to pay an adequate indemnity to injured American citizens. It says the German government "disapproves of the conduct of the commander, who has been appropriately punished," and voices the hope that the United States will consider the case settled.

The text of the note is as follows: "Supplementing his note of the 4th instant, concerning the conduct of the German submarine warfare, the undersigned has the honor to inform his excellency, the American ambassador, Mr. James W. Gerard, that the further investigation made by the German naval authorities concerned, in regard to the French steamship Sussex, on the basis of the American material has been concluded in the meantime. In conformity with the results of this investigation the assumption expressed in the note of the undersigned of the 10th ultimo that the damage of the Sussex was to be traced back to a cause other than the attack of a German submarine cannot be maintained.

"Such an assumption has to be arrived at with the certainty from the materials in the possession of the German government for itself and without future knowledge of the circumstances connected with the torpedoing of the Sussex, the more so as apart from the points enumerated in the note of the 10th ultimo, the following facts had come to the attention of the admiralty staff of the navy through reliable information:

"March 24, 1916, approximately at the same time as the Sussex, an auxiliary warship left the port of Folkestone with a large transport of British infantry on board, on the same day a transport steamship was torpedoed in the channel; a few minutes preceding the explosion on the Sussex she had passed through a mass of shipwreckage which created the impression that a ship had sunk at that spot shortly before. All these facts justified the conclusion that the only case of torpedoing which could be considered under the circumstances had struck the British war vessel, whereas the Sussex had met with an accident in some other way.

"However, on the basis of the American material, the German government cannot withhold its conviction that the ship torpedoed by the German submarine is in fact identical with the Sussex, for in accordance with this material, the place, the time and the effect of the explosion by which the Sussex was damaged agreed in the essential details with the statements of the German commander, so that there can no longer be any question of the possibility of two independent occurrences. An additional reason is constituted by the fact that officers of the American navy found fragments of an explosive in the hold of the Sussex which are described by them upon firm grounds as parts of a German torpedo.

"In view of the general impression of all the facts at hand, the German government considers it beyond doubt that the commander of the submarine acted in the bona fide belief that he was facing an enemy warship. On the other hand, it cannot be denied that, misled by the appearance of the vessel under the pressure of the circumstances, he formed his judgment too hurriedly in establishing his character and did not act fully in accordance with the strict instruction which called upon him to exercise particular care.

"In view of these circumstances the German government frankly admits that the assurance given to the American government in accordance with which passenger vessels were not to be attacked without warning has not been adhered to in the present case. As was intimated by the undersigned, the note of the 4th instant, the German government does not hesitate to draw from this resultant consequences. It therefore expresses to the American government its sincere regard for the deplorable incident, and declares its readiness to pay an adequate indemnity to the injured American citizens. It also disapproves of the conduct of the commander, who has been appropriately punished."

New Advertisements.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—Letters of administration having been granted to the undersigned upon the estate of William Swabb, late of Harris township, deceased, all persons knowing themselves indebted to same are hereby requested to make prompt payment, and those having claims against the same must present them duly authenticated for settlement. JAMES W. SWABB, Administrator, Linden Hall, Pa. 61-17-6t

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—In the estate of H. Y. Stitzer, late of Bellefonte borough deceased. Letters of administration d. b. n. c. t. a. having been granted the undersigned in above estate all persons knowing themselves indebted thereto are requested to make prompt payment, and those having claims against the same must present them, duly authenticated, for settlement. N. B. SPANGLER, Administrator. 61-15-6t

With the Churches of the County.

Notes of Interest to Church People of all Denominations in all Parts of the County.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY. Service Sunday 11:00 a. m. Wednesday 8 p. m., 94 E. High street.

At the United Evangelical church, Bellefonte, Pa., quarterly meeting at 7:30 o'clock Friday evening, presided over by Rev. C. L. Sones, presiding elder of Center district United Evangelical church, who will preach and assist in the communion services on Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Preaching and communion on Sunday morning by the pastor.

—Smokers who are not familiar with the "Sheridan Troop" 5ct. cigar have missed a lot of smoking satisfaction. 61-17-3t

They Need a Pinch Hitter.

From the Springfield Union. The value of Hughes on the bench is not underestimated by any intelligent Republican, but the greater value of Hughes at the bat is what appeals to the loyal party man this year.

—Smoke the "Sheridan Troop" 5ct. cigar. 61-17-3t

—Put your ad. in the WATCHMAN.

New Advertisements.

PRIVATE SALE.—In the Matter of the Estate of Edward David Robb, minor child of David E. Robb, late of Curtin Township, deceased. In the Orphans' Court of Centre County, No. 7885.

Notice is hereby given that the Orphans' Court of Centre County, Pa., has ordered the private sale to Charles Weaver of Curtin Township, Centre County, Pa., for the sum of \$2400.00 a certain tract and parcel of farm land situate in Curtin Township, Centre County, Pa., belonging to the estate of David E. Robb, late of said Township, deceased, and which became vested under the intestate laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in his son and only heir at law, Edwin David Robb, and containing 102 acres and 98 perches and allowances.

Notice is also given that the return of said private sale will be made to the Orphans' Court of Centre County on Tuesday June 20th, 1916, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and thereupon confirmed unless exceptions be filed thereto or an increased offer be made therefor; said petition, decrees, etc., are on file in the office of the Register in and for Centre County, at Bellefonte, Pa., where same may be examined by those interested.

HARVEY P. ROBB, Guardian of Edwin David Robb, Lock Haven, Penna.

W. HARRISON WALKER, Attorney for Estate, Bellefonte, Penna. 60-19-3t

COURT PROCLAMATION.—Whereas the Honorable Henry C. Quigley, President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the 49th Judicial District, consisting of the county of Centre, having issued his precept bearing date the 5th day of April, 1916, to me directed, for holding a Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, in Bellefonte, for the county of Centre, and to commence on the

THIRD MONDAY OF MAY being the 15th day of May, 1916, and to continue two weeks.

Notice is hereby given to the Coroner, Justices of the Peace, Aldermen and Constables of said county of Centre, that they be then and there in their proper persons at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of the 15th, with their records, inquisitions, examinations and their own remembrances, to do those things which to their office appertain to be done, and those who are bound in recognizances, to prosecute against the prisoners that are or shall be in the jail of Centre county, be then and there to prosecute against them as shall be just.

Given under my hand at Bellefonte, the 17th day of April, in the year of our Lord 1916, and the one hundred and fortieth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

GEO. H. YARNELL, Sheriff.

Sheriff's office, Bellefonte, Pa., April 17, 1916. 61-16-4t

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank, No. 3248, at Howard in the State of Pennsylvania, at the close of business, May 1st, 1916:

RESOURCES.	
Loans and Discounts.....	\$ 99,220 03
Total loans.....	99,220 03
Overdrafts, unsecured.....	113 68
U. S. Bonds deposited to secure circulation.....	25,000 00
Total U. S. bonds.....	25,000 00
Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks) owned unpledged.....	44,565 79
Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve Bank.....	2,100 00
Less amount unpaid.....	1,050 00
Furniture and Fixtures.....	1,900 00
Real estate owned other than banking house.....	3,300 00
Net amount due from Federal Reserve Bank.....	3,000 00
Net amount due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago, and St. Louis.....	4,811 50
Net amount due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities.....	5,991 22
Outside checks and other cash items.....	549 52
Fractional currency, nickels, and cents.....	25 34
Notes of other National Banks.....	1,165 00
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz: Coin and certificates.....	5,853 65
Legal-tender notes.....	2,500 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (not more than 5% on circulation) and due from U. S. Treasurer.....	1,250 00
Total.....	\$ 199,395 73
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in.....	25,000 00
Surplus fund.....	8,500 00
Undivided profits.....	88,206 14
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid.....	6,628 08
Circulating notes outstanding.....	25,000 00
Due to banks and bankers.....	1,127 88
Individual deposits subject to check.....	79,893 61
Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days.....	321 79
Total demand deposits.....	80,015 40
Certificates of deposit.....	53,124 37
Total of time deposits.....	53,124 37
Total.....	\$ 199,395 73

State of Pennsylvania, County of Centre, ss:

I, MATTHEW RODGERS, Jr., Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

MATTHEW RODGERS, Jr., Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of May, 1916.

W. HARRISON WALKER, Notary Public. My commission expires January 21st, 1916.

Correct—Attest: ABRAHAM WEBER, J. WILL MAYES, THOS. A. FLETCHER, Directors.

61-19-1t

New Advertisements.

FOR SALE OR RENT.—Barber shop equipment, in shop at Pleasant Gap. Good stand. Apply at this office. 18-1t

MEN AND BOYS WANTED.—Good wages; Steady Work; Bonus system. HAYES RUN FIRE BRICK CO. I. L. Harvey, Treas. 61-18-3t

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Tickets include round trip transportation and 3 days hotel accommodations at Washington; good going on regular trains June 5 and 20, and returning until June 14 or 29, via Baltimore and Harrisburg or Philadelphia, with stop-over privileges in these cities on return trip.

For details of these attractive tours apply to nearest Ticket Agent or address DAVID TODD, Division Passenger Agent, Williamsport.

PENNSYLVANIA R.R. 61-18-4t

Remember, It's the First Big Circus in 18 Years.

Bellefonte WEDNESDAY MAY 31

THE CARL HAGENBECK AND GREAT WALLACE SHOWS

BIGGEST CIRCUS IN THE WORLD

3,000 INVESTED. 3—RINGS—3. 2—STAGES—2. 500—HORSES—500. Nearly 1000 Employees.

3—R. R. TRAINS—3. 22—TENTS—22. 8—BANDS—8. 400—WILD ANIMALS—400. 400—PERFORMERS—400. 3—HERDS OF ELEPHANTS—3.

3 Mile Gala Golden Street Parade 10 A. M.

Performances 2 and 8 P. M. Doors opened one hour earlier. One 50 cent ticket admits to all. Children under 12 years 25c. Reserved and Admission tickets on sale circus day at Parrish's Drug Store at same prices as charged on show grounds. 61-19-2t-e-o-w

Come to the "Watchman" office for High Class Job work.

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Fancy Wisconsin Cheese, with mild flavor. At the present market value of Cheese it should retail at 28c to 30c per pound but we still hold our price down to 25 cents. It's a fine bargain at this price.

We have made no advance on Canned Corn, Peas and Stringless Beans. At our present prices they are as good value as any food product on the market.

Our White potatoes are good size and fine quality Also Parsnips, Onions, Turnips, Sweet Potatoes and Cabbage.

If you are not pleased with Syrup in tin cans and pails try our fine goods sold by the quart and gallon. We have a pure Sugar and a fine grade of Compound goods at 50c and 60c per gallon. Sure to please you.

California Naval Oranges—seedless. The smaller sizes are all gone for this season, but we have fancy fruit at 30c, 40c, 50c and extra large at 60c. Have just received some very fancy New Mackerel. Try them.

We have the Genuine New Orleans Molasses—new crop, light colored, heavy body to sell by the quart or gallon. It will please you.

Evaporated Peaches, Pears, Apricots, Prunes and Raisins, all at reasonable prices. Come to the store that has the goods you want.

If you are not using our Vinegar, just try it and see the difference.

SECHLER & COMPANY,
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JEWELERS AND OPTICIANS
Bellefonte, Pa.

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to suit all tastes and all pocket books. Beautiful articles in Jewelry at very moderate cost.

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59-4-tf.

The Relief Funds

We are in correspondence with The American Ambulance Work in France, The Serbian Relief Fund, The Belgian Relief Fund, and The Permanent Blind Relief War Fund.

Contributions for these funds or for any Relief Work in Europe will be received and forwarded.

The First National Bank
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\$4.75

Fishing Season is at Hand

and we are selling the U. S. brand of **RED GUM BOOTS**

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PLEASE REMEMBER

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