

ZEPPELINS DROP BOMBS ON PARIS

Fall in Suburbs Injuring Seven or Eight Persons.

LITTLE DAMAGE IS DONE

Auto Aircraft Guns and Aeroplane Squadron Used in Defense, But Mist Prevents Pursuit

Paris.—Zeppelin airships raided Paris early Sunday morning and dropped a dozen bombs, but the damage done was unimportant. Seven or eight persons were injured, but only one seriously. Four of the aircraft started for the capital, following the valley of the Oise, but only two reached their goal. Missions also were dropped at Compiègne, Ribecourt and Dreuilcourt, but without serious result.

Paris remained calm while the aerial invasion was in progress, and residents of the city exhibited more coolness than fear as to the results. Trumpets gave the signal that all lights must be extinguished as soon as warning was received of the Zeppelin's approach. Searchlights were turned upon the clouds, anti-aircraft guns opened fire and aeroplanes rose to attack the Germans, but their operations were hampered by a heavy mist.

Two Zeppelins Turned Back.

An official communication regarding the raid declares it served only to show how well the defensive arrangements would work out when put to the test.

"Summing up, the Zeppelin raid on Paris was a complete failure. It only served to demonstrate how well the defensive arrangements work. The population was calm. On their way back, the Zeppelins dropped a dozen incendiary bombs on Compiègne, doing only unimportant damage. Three bombs were dropped on Ribecourt and Dreuilcourt, to the north of Compiègne, without result."

VOTED 22 TIMES ONE DAY.

Fred Eisner, In Terre Haute Trial, Claims the Record.

Indianapolis.—A record for voting of 22 times in one day was claimed by Fred Eisner, who testified in the trial of the Terre Haute election case. Eisner told of his work on November 3, 1914, with a smile and caused a laugh, which was joined in by Judge Anderson after he had the witness repeat the number.

The witness testified that he confined his operations to three precincts, and with one exception received \$1 for each time he voted. He said he was cheated out of the other dollar, "as the paymaster said I had made enough money already." Eisner was only challenged once during the day, he said.

SUBMARINE TOLL FOR WEEK.

Eight British Vessels Sent To Davy Jones' Locker By Germans.

London.—German submarine raids during the week ended March 17 resulted in the loss of eight British vessels, with a total tonnage of 22,825, out of 1,539 arrivals and sailings, according to a summary issued by the Admiralty. Three other vessels which were torpedoed were able to reach port.

The total losses to British commerce from the beginning of the war to March 17 were 96 merchant vessels and 47 fishing vessels.

DEATH IN WOMEN'S ROW.

Luther Richmond Killed By C. V. Terral At Meadow Creek.

Hinton, W. Va.—Luther Richmond was shot and instantly killed at Meadow Creek by C. V. Terral, following a quarrel between their wives. Both were merchants of Meadow Creek. Richmond first shot at Terral, it was said, and succeeded in hitting him. Terral was not fatally wounded, however, according to physicians.

MRS. SHARP GOING TO PARIS.

Wife and Children Will Join American Ambassador.

Elyria, Ohio.—Mrs. William Graves Sharp, wife of the American Ambassador to France, will sail with their five children on the French liner Patria from New York Thursday to join her husband at Paris. The Patria will take a southern route to Marseilles to avoid the danger of submarines as much as possible.

TO REVIEW EXPRESS RATES.

Order Reopening Case Is Signed By Commerce Commission.

Washington.—Formal orders reopening the express rate case requested in the petition filed a few days ago by four of the principal express companies, were issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Hearings will be held at dates to be named later. Pending such hearings, however, no changes in rates may be made.

BATTLESHIPS SUNK IN DARDANELLES

Two British and One French Warship Strike Mines.

TWO OTHERS ARE DAMAGED

Inflexible and Gaulois Put Out Of Action By Turkish Guns—Three Battleships On Way To Straits To Replace Those Lost.

London.—During a bombardment of the Turkish forts defending the Dardanelles straits the French battleship Bouvet and the British battleships Irresistible and Ocean, in the order named, struck floating mines and were destroyed.

The Bouvet went down in 36 fathoms of water in less than three minutes after striking the mine, and it is understood that few of her crew were saved. The British battleships were slower in sinking, and practically all the men aboard them were taken off and removed in boats to other ships of the fleet, the rescue being effected under a hot fire from the forts.

Inflexible and Gaulois Damaged.

The British battle cruiser Inflexible had her forward control hit by a heavy shell and will need repairs. The French battleship Gaulois was also put out of action.

These casualties occurred toward the close of a vigorous action during which 15 or more French and British warships, advancing into the straits after they had apparently been swept clear of mines, bombarded the Turkish batteries terrifically. The full extent of the damage done to the forts has not yet been learned, but it is believed to have been heavy.

Other Battleships To Join Fleet.

To replace the Irresistible and the Ocean, the Admiralty has dispatched the Queen and the Implacable to the Dardanelles. A dispatch from Paris states that the French Admiralty has taken similar action, orders having already gone to the battleship Henri IV, which was on the Syrian coast, to go to the Dardanelles to replace the Bouvet.

In connection with its announcement of the loss of the battleships, the Admiralty makes known the fact that Vice-Admiral Carden, who had been incapacitated by illness, has been succeeded in command of the allied fleet by Rear-Admiral John Michael de Robeck.

PLAIN STREWN WITH BODIES.

Kurds Said To Have Fallen On Armenians When Russ Left.

London.—Appalling accounts of conditions in Armenia have reached the officials in London of the Armenian Red Cross Fund. The latest recital is from an Armenian doctor named Derdarian, who says that the whole plain of Alashgird is virtually covered with the bodies of men, women and children. When the Russian forces retreated from this district the Kurds fell upon the helpless people and shut them up in mosques. The men were killed, and the women were carried away to the mountains.

CHINESE WILL BOYCOTT JAPS.

Celestials Of Portland, Ore., To Picket All Shops.

Portland, Ore.—Chinese residents of Portland declared a boycott on all Japanese goods in retaliation for the demands recently made upon China by Japan. The action was decided upon at a meeting of the Chinese Six Companies. Any Chinese violating the boycott, it was decided, shall receive a warning upon the first offense and thereafter will be subject to a fine. A picket will be stationed in front of each Japanese business house.

SOCIALIST FOR CITY COUNCIL.

Aldermen Of Berlin Take Unprecedented Action.

Berlin, via London.—The Aldermen of Berlin elected Herr Sassenbach, Socialist and secretary of a labor union, to be a member of the City Council. This is the first time that a Socialist ever has been nominated to this office. There were 86 affirmative ballots, while 16 ballots were blank.

TELEGRAPH TICKS

The trial of Frank Abarno and Carmine Carbone, charged with placing a bomb in St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, was tentatively fixed to begin on March 29 by Judge Nott, in General Sessions.

Speaker Champ Clark, in Philadelphia, and Governor Dunne, in Cincinnati, made speeches urging it as the patriotic duty of all Americans, native and hyphenated, to stand up squarely behind President Wilson in his policy toward the European war.

Progress toward the reorganization of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railway, now in receivership, was reported by the financial interests concerned.

Clay Henninger, Jr., of Chambersburg, Pa., killed himself by hanging in the attic of his home.

IN EUROPE



WILL INSIST ON NEUTRAL RIGHTS

British and French Replies Not Sufficient.

WILSON WANTS MORE FACTS

The United States Will Deny the Right of the Allies To Declare a Blockade Of Neutral Coasts.

Washington.—The United States government considers that Great Britain and France, in the British Order in Council and in the accompanying notes have not answered the questions propounded to them as to what warrant there is under international law for the establishment of an embargo on all commercial intercourse, directly and indirectly, between Germany and neutral countries.

It was stated officially at the State Department that this government still does not know whether the action of the Allies is intended as a legal blockade or whether the ordinary rules of contraband and non-contraband are to be the legal basis for future detentions. On a determination of this question probably will depend not only the nature of any steps which may be taken by the United States at this time, but also the basis for the many claims for damages arising out of interruptions to American commerce under the new policy of the Allies.

TWO MORE TORPEDOED.

German Submarines Attack Merchantmen Hyndford and Bluejacket.

London.—German submarines have torpedoed the British merchant steamers Hyndford, bound for London, and the Bluejacket, with wheat for Liverpool, both off Beachy Head, a famous hunting ground for the Kaiser's undersea warships.

One member of the Hyndford's crew was reported killed.

The Bluejacket's crew took to the boats. The steamer, although badly damaged, remained afloat.

Beachy Head is a promontory on the south coast of England, projecting into the English Channel, about 20 miles east of Brighton.

BRITISH STEAMER TORPEDOED.

Glenartney, From Bangkok, Sunk By Submarine On English Coast.

London.—The British steamer Glenartney, of Glasgow, was torpedoed off Beachy Head by a German submarine, which gave no notice of her intention. In the scramble for boats one of the crew was drowned. The others, numbering 40, several of whom were injured, were picked up by a steamer and landed at New Haven.

The Glenartney, which was of 3,200 tons register, was bound from Bangkok, Siam, for London, loaded with 8,000 tons of rice.

HOTEL PROPRIETOR KILLED.

Shot By Employee, Who Fires Bullet Into Own Head.

Lexington, Ky.—Joseph M. Skain, one of the proprietors of the Phoenix Hotel in this city, and one of the best-known hotel men in the South, was shot and instantly killed by E. A. Walden, chief engineer of the hotel, who then sent a bullet into his own head. Physicians say Walden will die from his wound.

ENDS HER LIFE IN BARREL.

Pennsylvania Woman Drowns Herself In Rain Water.

York, Pa.—Mrs. Edward Heitzer, 63 years old, of Mount Pleasant township, near New Oxford, ended her life by plunging headlong into a barrel of rain water sitting in the rear of her home. When discovered by her husband her feet were protruding from the barrel and her body was so bent that it would have been impossible for her to have saved herself had she tried.

BELGIANS PUSH LINE FORWARD

Big Battle Along the River Yser Believed Next.

FLOODS HAVE SUBSIDED

Battle On the Western Front Expected To Occur Along the Yser—Germans Awaiting Reinforcements Before Beginning a Counter Attack.

Paris.—The combat at Carnoy, which began the evening of March 14 by the explosion of a heavily charged mine in one of the French advanced trenches, was vain and costly for the Germans, according to an official note issued by the War Office.

"The battle lasted until the 17th," the note adds, "and was marked by sharp fighting, numerous counter-attacks and systematic bombardments. The German offensive was finally repulsed, and the French succeeded in making a slight gain on this part of the front."

"A Zeppelin airship has dropped some bombs on Calais, aiming at the railway station. No serious material damage was done, but seven employees were killed."

London.—The next important battle on the western front, it is believed, will take place along the River Yser, held on one side by the recently reorganized Belgian Army, and on the other by the Germans.

As the floods have subsided, the Belgians, supported by the warships of the Allies, have already pushed their line slightly forward, and this is almost certain to lead to counter attacks by the Germans and a general engagement, as has been the case when similar movements were initiated elsewhere along the front.

There may be a slight delay while the Germans are awaiting for reinforcements from Germany, for they have been using most of their reserves to counter-attack the British troops at St. Eloi and Neuve Chapelle, and the French north of Arras, but that a big clash will soon come nobody doubts.

The contest for the spur of Notre Dame de Lorette is still in progress, and according to Berlin, further attempts of the French to advance in Champagne, where they captured an important ridge north of Le Mesnil, have been repulsed. The fighting in the Argonne forest and the Vosges has slackened somewhat, owing doubtless to the return of wintry weather conditions.

There is little news from the eastern front, and beyond the fact that the Russians have again crossed the East Prussian frontier in the far northeast, near Tilsit, and that they are continuing their offensive against the Austrians in Bukovina, there is no change in the situation.

SEES DANGER OF INVASION.

Marquess Of Crews Tells Home Guard They May Be Needed.

London.—The Marquess of Crews, Lord of the Privy Seal, addressing a delegation of the volunteer training corps which has been raised for home defense, said that while there was a possibility of a hostile landing in England this was considered more likely some months ago than now. There was no telling, he added, what form the latest stages of the war might take or to what devices or straits Germany's desperation might drive her.

AMERICAN COTTON SHIP LOST.

Only Seven Of 28 Members Of Bark Pass' Crew Saved.

Berlin.—An announcement made by the Overseas News Agency indicates that a number of men lost their lives in the wrecking of the American bark Pass, of Baltimore, which went ashore near Sylt, one of the North Frisian islands. The announcement says that seven members of the crew were saved by life guards from a coast patrol station.

GAINS IN WEST MADE AT SACRIFICE

British Lose 300 Officers and 10,000 Men.

FIGHTING FOR THE HILLS

British, French and Belgian Forces Seeking Points Of Vantage Along the Front Preliminary To the General Advance.

London.—While Earl Kitchener, secretary for war, and other cabinet ministers and leaders are bending their energies toward increasing the output of war material and are encouraging recruiting, complete optimism prevails. That the victories of last week were gained only after heavy sacrifices and that the casualties lists must increase in length as the war progresses is fully realized, but everybody in England believes that when the time comes for the offensive there will be no turning back.

The British casualty lists for the five days, from March 10 to March 14, inclusive, during which the battles of Neuve Chapelle and St. Eloi were fought, show that 112 officers were killed or died from wounds and that 153 officers were wounded or are missing.

Probably Over 10,000.

The list of casualties among the men has not been published as yet, nor have any figures been given out; but some competent critics estimate them at about two-thirds of those suffered by the Germans, which Field Marshal Sir John French, the British commander-in-chief, said were between 17,000 and 18,000.

One Canadian officer was killed in the fighting and three Canadian officers were wounded.

At present the Armies of Belgium, Great Britain and France are fighting for the hills and other points along the long front, which will be of the greatest advantage to the army holding them when the advance begins. According to the French communication, the Belgians continue to improve their positions in Flanders, and the French to the north of Arras and in Champagne have added eminence to their gains which are of some importance.

The French and German official communications, however, are so contradictory that it is difficult to decide whether any change is being made generally in the dispositions of the two armies.

Big Events Impending.

The optimism which pervades the Western Allies is shared by the Russians. All the Petrograd correspondents of the London papers lead the public to believe that big events are impending.

It is apparent that the Russians, again, and not the Austrians, are on the move, particularly at Smolnik, on the River San, where it emerges from the Carpathians, while in Bukovina, according to unofficial dispatches from Bucharest, the Austrians have been defeated in a battle which has been raging along the entire front.

In Northern Poland isolated actions are being fought from the Niemen River to Przasnysz, the big battle, which was expected, having apparently been called off or postponed by Field Marshal von Hindenburg, who is thought to have attained his object when he extricated his forces from the forest of Augustowo.

KILLS HIMSELF AT PLAY.

Lad Strangled To Death By Lasso By Stepping On Loose End.

New York.—Little Thomas Souther, aged 5, did not have anybody to play with, so he went out in his back yard, got a piece of twine and started a solitary game of wild west. Having no one else, he lassoed himself. A moment later he stepped on the loose end of the twine, tripped himself and pulled the noose so tight he strangled himself to death. His mother was in the house, only a few yards distant, but the noose was so tight he could not call for help.

MISTAKE LEADS TO DISCOVERY.

Remedy To Check Spotted Typhus Fever Infection Found.

Venice, via London.—Through a mistake of a laboratory worker in filling a bottle with anisole, instead of anise oil, Prof. Sigmund Fraenkel, of the University of Vienna, has discovered a preparation which kills the louse that transmits the infection of spotted typhus. Anisole is one of the derivatives of anise oil.

PLAN MONUMENT TO AMERICA.

Belgians Will Thus Show Gratitude For Aid.

Brussels, Belgium, via London.—Prominent Belgians connected with the National Committee, formed for the purpose of looking after Belgian interests during the war, have initiated a movement to erect a monument to America, in token of gratitude for the assistance given by the United States in feeding the war sufferers in this country.

THE NEWS TOLD IN PARAGRAPHS

Latest Happenings Gleaned From All Over the State.

LIVE NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Three Murderers Win From Pardon Board—Poor Board Refuses To Supply Drugs To Fiends—Two Hurt In Runaway.

Mrs. Catharine Jacoby, aged seventy-five, of Allentown, broke a shoulder blade in a fall down stairs.

Mahlen R. Stroh and Miss Mabel Hallman, of Emaus, were married in Allentown by Rev. J. P. Bachman, the clergyman who confirmed both.

P. K. Emmons, a senior at Princeton, was elected pastor of the Bridge Street Presbyterian Church, Catsasauqua, to succeed Rev. Harry W. Ewing.

Mrs. John Darrah, aged eighty-five, of Hokendauqua, died at the Allentown Hospital from a fractured hip, suffered in a fall last December.

The first free dispensary has been opened in Allentown, through the efforts of Miss Rose Crilly, and it will be supported by voluntary contributions.

Mr. and Mrs. Reeder Shultz, Union Corners, were seriously, if not fatally injured, in a runaway accident. They had driven to Shamokin Hills and were on their way home when their horse bolted. Mrs. Shultz was thrown under the wheels, while Shultz was hurled under the buggy, when it overturned.

Helena and Frank Kromer, of Allentown, appeared in court and presented a joint petition that they had made up and agreed to live happily ever after, and prayed that the divorce action she had started be squashed. Judge Groman said he was delighted and promptly concurred.

Meyersdale was visited by fire. The Meyersdale Opera House, the Meyersdale Garage and the Donkey Mat Market being destroyed, with a loss of \$75,000. Other buildings were badly damaged. For a time the blaze was so serious that calls for aid to other places were being considered.

Miss Helen Hodges, of Scranton, is to leave Saturday, March 27, on a ten-thousand-mile journey, which will be ended in Manila, where she will become the bride of Gilbert S. Perez. The two met in the far South several years ago. Mr. Perez is division industrial supervisor of schools at Manila.

Harvey S. Dengler, of Allentown, and his father, John Dengler, of Oley, who after fifty-seven years of service as the oldest teacher in eastern Pennsylvania, went to Philadelphia to hear Billy Sunday and could not get into the tabernacle. Their plight was learned by Mrs. Sunday, who had them escorted on the platform.

The G. A. R. and other organizations, of Allentown have named a joint committee to arrange for the proper celebration of Memorial Day. Comrade Owen E. Mank has been named chairman, and Comrade Abandon S. Moyer, secretary. Rev. Asher T. Hess, of Philadelphia, will be the orator.

Over-zealousness in religious matters and what is said to have been a desire to offer themselves as a sacrifice to God, are believed to be the reasons for the double suicide of Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Selver, aged forty-two and forty-six years, respectively. Their bodies were found hanging in the barn on their farm in Caernarvon Township, Berks county.

The Directors of the Poor of York County decided that they lacked authority under the new drug act to grant the request of York physicians that they furnish narcotics to victims of the habit. They ruled to supply only indigent patients who will become inmates of the almshouse during treatment for their relief. There are 1,200 victims of the drug habit in York, the physicians assert.

The State Board of Pardons recommended commutation of the death sentences of Andrew Mallowski, Allegheny; Arthur Simons, Tioga, and Gregorio Rizzatti, Philadelphia, and granted a pardon to Dusan Melle, Allegheny, who was granted commutation in 1904. The three men granted clemency were under sentence of electrocution. Simons was declared to be insane by a report of State alienists.

The robes of John Gorsea, altar boy at Stanislaus' Polish Church, Shamokin, were accidentally ignited in front of the altar of the church during services. Several priests and a number of male parishioners extinguished the flames, but not before the boy had been seriously burned, along with several of his rescuers. A number of women fainted in the excitement.