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GRIEF BOWS CAPTAIN TORN FROM FAMILY BY CHANCE OF WAR

Ship's Master, Warbound in This Port, Has Had Little Word From Loved Ones—Son Held Prisoner.



WILLIAM MAAS

A young prisoner of war in England. He is the son of Captain Louis Maas, of the Hamburg-American liner Prinz Oskar, now in this port.

War-bound in this port, separated from his wife and two children in Hamburg, Germany, with a fifteen-year-old son, a prisoner in England, Captain Louis Maas, master of the Hamburg-American liner Prinz Oskar, is frantic with grief and verging on the brink of a complete nervous breakdown.

The plight of the captain is pitiful. He is torn with doubt and uncertainty. The veteran seaman, who in his hundreds of trips across the ocean, has faced death unflinchingly, is bowed and bent with grief. His loved ones whom he has not seen for months, are starved up in the vortex of the strife now rending Europe.

A month has passed since he has had word from the wife and the uncertainty of their present condition is a tremendous strain on his mind. He is inconsolable. Members of the crew say he sleeps but little and is constantly talking of his two who were captured with the Hamburg-American line steamship Kronprinzessin Cecilie at the outbreak of hostilities.

The brave, father, all will come out right, he wrote in concluding his loving epistle. He asked for money with which to buy food, as he said the food he was getting was not good.

Facing his cabin today, Captain Maas broke into a third against those who held up the letters which conveyed messages from his family.

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NEW ERA DAWNS AS SECRETARY DANIELS STARTS SHIPWAYS

Official, in Breaking Ground, Declares Improvement Means Vast Industrial Boon to City and Yard.

Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels, wielding a gilt-covered pick, and Director of Wharves, Docks and Ferries George W. Norris, with a similarly coated spade, dug a small hole in the ground on the western waterfront of the Philadelphia Navy Yard at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

The ceremony, simple in itself, was tremendously impressive in its possibilities. It marked the beginning of the construction of new shipways, which mean a vast industrial boom to this city in general and the navy yard in particular.

In the words of Secretary Daniels, the building of the shipways and the construction thereon of the new transport already contracted for to cost \$2,500,000, is the least work to be done.

The shipways were placed in this city, according to Secretary Daniels, because the most skilled laborers of the shipbuilding trades were to be found here. The remark of the Secretary called forth from the thousands of employees of the yard who had assembled in their work-begrimed overalls, with brassy arms and chests bared. It made a hit which later brought forth three rousing cheers for the Secretary.

In his speech Secretary Daniels paid glowing tribute to Philadelphia, its historical associations, its contributions to the country's list of heroes. He said he hoped in the near future an appropriation would be made to raise the frigate Philadelphia now lying at the bottom of Tripoli harbor, and that it would be brought back to this city.

WATCHFUL WAITING LAUDED. In commenting upon the struggle now rending Europe and President Wilson's policy of "watchful waiting," Mr. Daniels said:

"Today we behold carnage and shedding of blood in Europe. Those great countries have quit writing history with pen and ink and are using a sword; they have thrown away the olive branch and are using a sword. Wisdom, foresight, patriotism and great Americanism kept up to date with a war with Mexico. You will recall that several months ago the press and men in high public stations were pleading with the officials at Washington to send the army and navy to 'clean up' Mexico.

TOUCHES FEDERAL OWNERSHIP. The Secretary touched upon the Government ownership of various plants which manufacture powder, armaments, ships and other necessities essential to the Government. He said he did not believe in wiping out private ownership unless it was found economically wise to do so.

NORRIS PLEADS FOR BIG NAVY. Director Norris was the first speaker introduced by Captain Benson, commander of the Philadelphia Navy Yard. After sketching the history of the navy yard and describing how the city gave the ground upon which it stood to the Government, he pointed out the wonderful possibilities of this great water station and concluded with a plea for a greater navy to police the seas as a powerful nation like ours should police it in case of necessity.

Secretary Daniels arrived at North Philadelphia station shortly before noon. Congressman J. Washington Logue met him and accompanied him to the navy yard. Entering the stand the official party faced an army of workmen and visitors. The shipways will cost about \$200,000. It will be 43 feet in length, 29 feet 18 inches beam, 19 feet 10 inches draft, with a displacement of 10,000 tons and a speed of 14 knots. She will be fitted with twin screws, oil burning engines. Accommodations will be provided for a crew of 250, 500 soldiers and 32 horses, with the necessary supplies for these forces.

The first vessel to be constructed at the yard upon the completion of the ways will be the naval transport Maumee, which will cost \$1,500,000. The contract for the transport was awarded early in the spring following competitive bidding by all the navy constructors of the various navy yards.

Hundreds of workmen will be given employment on the shipways and the transport. They will augment the vast army already employed at the yard.

BREAKING GROUND FOR NAVY YARD SHIPWAYS



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Among the naval and marine officers present were Captain W. S. Benson, commandant; Lieutenant Commander W. M. Hunt, commandant's aide; Lieutenant George B. Landenberg, Captain W. S. Smith, Lieutenant Commanders W. K. Wortman, R. T. Menner, R. S. Keyes, Lieutenants L. B. Anderson, F. C. Starr; Naval Constructors E. Snow, G. A. Bisset; Assistant Naval Constructors A. R. Court, L. M. Atkins, R. W. Weyerbacher, J. E. Enigma, S. J. Zeidler, E. M. Tracy; Paymasters M. R. Goldborough, W. S. Zane, E. S. Stalacher, W. J. Hine, R. H. Orr, J. O. Bell; Surgeons W. H. Bell, A. H. Allen, J. J. Snyder; Commander F. C. Fenwick, retired; Commander Alfred Hinds, Lieutenant H. E. Welt, Major E. A. Jones, U. S. M. C.; Captain B. T. Tottenhouse, U. S. M. C.; and Lieutenant E. S. Willing, U. S. M. C.

CHINATOWN IGNORES BIRTHDAY OF RULER OF NATIVE COUNTRY

Young Chinese Party Assails Yuan's Policy Instead of Drinking Tea for "Many Happy Returns."

President Yuan Shi-Kai, of China, held a birthday party the other day. He attempted to make it a world-wide affair and have it commemorated by a celebration in every Chinatown in the world. In Philadelphia and most of the cities of the United States the birthday idea was not received with acclaim.

PROGRESSIVES WILL ASK ROOSEVELT'S AID IN PURGING PARTY

Preparations are being made for an appeal to Theodore Roosevelt to come into Pennsylvania and investigate the betrayal of the Progressive party here by William Flinn, of Pittsburgh, and E. A. Van Valkenburg, of this city.

READING MAN CHARGED WITH SENDING BLACK HAND NOTES

Government Experts Declare He Mailed Typewritten Demands.

AGREED WITH SHAKESPEARE

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SEGAL TAKEN FROM ST. JOSEPH'S IN AUTO; DEPARTURE SECRET

Hospital Attendants Deny Knowledge of His Destination—Norristown Professes Ignorance.

Adolph Segal left St. Joseph's Hospital at 3:15 o'clock this afternoon in an automobile, according to Sister Agnes, the assistant superintendent. No word was left with hospital officials as to his destination and at the State Hospital for the Insane at Norristown, the chief resident physician, declared that he had not arrived late this afternoon. He declined to give any definite information as to when Mr. Segal was expected to reach the asylum.

Every effort was made to keep secret the departure of the former inmate, so that his wife and child, followed by his remains to Green Mount Cemetery on the last of all earthly journeys.

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Aged German's Anxiety Over Struggle in Europe Ends His Life.

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NEIGHBORS' CASH GIVES DEAD MAN A DECENT BURIAL

Raise Fund, Though Poor Themselves, to Save Family's Only Bread Winner From a Pauper's Grave.

A hearse and one cab drove away from 834 North Lawrence street last afternoon. To the casual observer it meant nothing more than a funeral—a common occurrence with the widowed mother, who bowed with grief, clasped a little son to her breast as the cab rumbled over the cobblestones, it seemed almost a sign of hope. And to her neighbors, who watched with bared heads the sorrowful little procession, it represented a sacrifice such as only sympathy could evoke.

For it was the kindness of those neighbors which made possible that funeral and saved Julian Tropouski, dead winner from a grave in Potter's field, so that his wife and child, followed by his remains to Green Mount Cemetery on the last of all earthly journeys.

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