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ERMAN'RAIDER'S CAPTAIN SCORNS CORDON OF FOES

s Easy to Dash Out of Newport News as It Was to Slip in, He Confidently Declares

Naval Experts Deem Internment Necessary on Account of Damage to Kronprinz Wilhelm-German Officers Criticise Britons' Strategy.

S Authorities Demand Early Anexer to Query as to Duration of Cruiser's Stay-Wireless "Team Work" With Eitel Suspected by Washington.

worFOLK, Va., April 12,-Captain lder, of the German converted er Kronprinz Wilhelm, at Newport announced today that his ship de be ready for sea in two weeks.

not the raider would intern, experts sed certain. Captain Thierfelder deed however, that his ship had more to do on the high seas, saying: "We to speedy to be caught unless they by unawares." He asserted: "We is without being seen by the enemy In without being seen by the way. I see can get out in the same way. I would make a seen to see as soon as it was resuptioned and repaired.

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official cognizance had yet been as of reports that the German vestigated fregularly when it left New k last. Thierfelder admitted the ship par last. Thierteider admitted the sup-coard for Bremen and did not go there, det explained that its orders were coard by wireless. Port authorities all the matter would be investigated.

SUPPLIES TAKEN ON.

allector of the Fort Hamilton asked German commander to make all posle haste with his request estimating stims the Kronprinz would need to reis at Newport News.

take on fresh vegetables, meat, 200 beriberi sufferers on board, and on of coal. crew's water had been limited for ays to a decidedly brackish supply a the condensers, and there was a

the tanks today as soon as the tof refilling began. were transferred to the British horse ship Cas-

officers virtually were unanimous elicting that the Kronprinz Wilhelm I intern. They pointed out that it a simple matter for a fast vessel, resence in the neighborhood was suspected, to slip into Hampton ds even though four hostile cruisers e waiting outside the harbor. It id be an entirely different matter, said, for the raider to get out of in Roads safely as the Britisi

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os that stands alone, that suits mi-I fancy most, for April is her own. now it smiles and now it weeps and in sudden rage, and incidentally steps milady in a cage; the very cloud al hides the sun and makes the world a also deprives her of her fun and Ministers Declare Many of the des her Easter hat.

FORECAST

or Philadelphia and vicinityand somewhat colder tonight and uday; fresh west to northwest

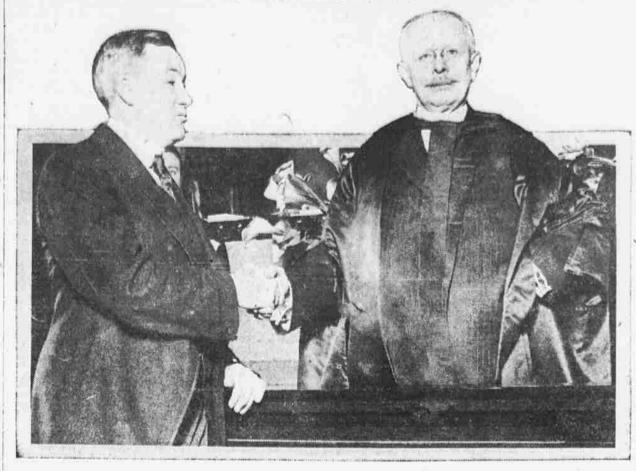
" details, see page 2,

Observations at Philadelphia in fast 24 hours On the Pacific Coast Weather, Clear, Temp. 56

Almanac of the Day

Lamps to Be Lighted ad other vehicles 6:85 p. m. The Tides PORT RICHMOND. DESTRUT STREET WHARF. STEEDY ISLAND. BREAKWATER.

JUDGE THOMAS D. FINLETTER SWORN INTO OFFICE



Assistant District Attorney Joseph P. Rogers is shown congratulating Judge Finletter just after the latter took the oath as Judge of Common Pleas Court No. 4.

GERMANS INFLICT TERRIFIC LOSS ON FRENCH IN WOEVRE

Offensive Against Wedge Checked—Berlin Reports Attacks Cost 15,000 to 40,-000 Men — Paris Says Army Awaits Reinforcements.

The great offensive move of the Meuse and Moselle has been checked with terrific losses, according to reports from Berlin today. Estimates of the French losses vary from 15,000 to 40,000, while their gains, according to the Germans, have but little military Importance.

The Germans assert that the sides that at several points they have taken the offensive.

At the other end of the great battle line, at Albert, near the Belgian border, the Germans drove the French from Sensational Explanation their trenches in a surprise attack, but were later forced back.

Sunday attacks in the Argonne were repulsed, today's Berlin bulletin asserts. Successes at Ailly and La Pretre are reported. Bombs have been

thrown on Nangy. The official French report admits of-fensive operations in the Woevre have forcements are awaited.

Russian forces have passed the last of the western Beskid barriers and now are 20 miles within Hungary, where they control the heads of five rallway lines along a 90-mile front. Massed assaults in the Uszok Pass sector have been beaten back. Petrograd now announces opening of a general Hungarian advance on the assumption that the Carpathian offensive has been entirely successful.

Austria, however, bulletins gains in the wooded heights in the Uszok sec-

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CONGREGATIONALISTS SAY SUNDAY FAILED

"Trail-Hitters" Gave False Addresses.

"Billy" Sunday's campaign here did not 'come up to the mark," In the opinion of many clergymen who attended a meeting of the Congregational ministers today at the American Sunday School Union Building, 18th and Chestnut streets. One minister deciared that the cards which came to his church from supposed "trail-hitters" bore fictitious addresses. Another said that the personal work during the meetings was futile.

The Rev. W. M. Randles, pastor of Kensington Congregational Church, said ha was formerly a clergyman in Wilkes-Barre and asserted that he got mure "trail hitters" there than he did here. "We have not ploughed deep enough, he said. "The Sunday campaign was not equal to the task of a large city. We have income to the control of the control of the case of a large city.

equal to the task of a large city. We should be pleased, however, with the in-

should be pleased, however, with the in-terest it aroused in local option.
"While my church did not co-operate in the Sunday campaign," said the Rev. C. B. Adams, of the Park Congregational Church, "we received a number of cards. Six of them were fictitious and bore ad-dresses which would be found in Fair-

dresses which would be found in Fairmount Park. If anywhere."
The Rev. Dr. Edwin Rice, of the Boggs
Congregational Church, said: "I don't
think the 'Billy' Sunday personal work
amounted to shucks. Delegates went to
the meetings from the Bible classes and
were not able to gain admission, but men
and women from the industrial plants
were readily admitted."

Child Drinks Liquor, Dies Drinking a half pint of gin proved fatal to Edward Gordon, a years old, a Negro, who is dead at his home, fell Kenyon avenue. Germantown The lad found the liquor in a closet, and died last night at the Germantown Hospital.

THOMAS D. FINLETTER SWORN IN AS COMMON PLEAS JUDGE

Jurist Assumes Office and Receives Congratulations.

Thomas D. Finletter, appointed by Governor Brumbaugh to succeed Robert N. Willson, resigned, as a Judge of Common Pleas Court No. 4, was sworn into office with the usual ceremony in Room G. City Hall, at 10 o'clock this morning. At the same time Judge Charles Y. Audenried formally was advanced to the president judgeship of the court, which was held by Willson. Friends of Judge Finletter, lawyers, Judges and others. witnessed his accession to the bench, congratulating him after the simple

This is Judge Finletter's second occu-French in the region between the pancy of the Common Pleus bench Uncreasing the number of Judges, he was one of Governor Tener's appointees. The Supreme Court declared the act invalid, however, after the new jurist had served

STEEL FOR SIX BRIDGES of their great wedge on the St. Mihiel-Pout-a-Mousson line are intact and ACROSS RHINE ORDERED

for Rise in Stock of Bethlehem Steel Company Given by Employe of British Government.

LONDON, April 12 .- A sensational exbeen temporarily suspended, as rein- planation of the sharp advance in Bethlehem Steel shares on the stock market was forthcoming today from a highly placed employe of the British Government.

"At this moment," he said, "everything is in readiness in several great manufacfuring plants in the north of England and in Scotland for the building of six bridges which are designed for erection at six

points across the Rhine.
All that is necessary for their cor ntruction is the structural steel and this has been ordered and is being manufactured in the United States. This one order, unquestionably one of the largest in point of tonnage ever given to a steel manufactory, doubtless accounts in part for the sensational rise in the market of the company's shares in Wall

"Of course this one order itself forms but a small part of the great total of orders for steel which American manu-factories have received from the British Government in the last six months, yet it involves many hundreds of thousands of tons and a very large sum of money."

BUILDING IS A GAMBLE Pressed for details regarding the possibilities of making use of 3-planned trans-Rhine bridges, the official admitted that the work of building these immense structures must be considered a gamble. "In any event," he continued, "the chances of being able to use them are

counted good enough at least to warrant their construction. They certainly will be built and certainly will be transported neross the English Channel and kept close behind the firing line. And they cer-tainly will not be used except to replace the Rhine bridges which the Germana necessarily will destroy if the Allies succeed in forcing the enemy back across its water barrier.

Owing to the unique conditions existing in Belgium as regards instability of rail-way roadbed, the structural plans of those six bridges, it is understood, are differ-ent from any ever made before. All the large girders and columns, which ordinarily could be made in big sections, will be divided into very small units, none of them smaller than the flat cars in use on

DETAILS STUDIED OUT.

The exact locations of the buttresses and caissons of each of the six bridges have been accurately studied and fixed by competent engineers, who have in their possession full data as to the topographical features of each shore and the depth of water and speed of cur-

rents at points where the supporting columns are to be placed.

This announcement would seem to settle once and for all any question as to the plants of the Allies in the western theatre of war. Irrespective of the results of the Dardanelles engagement or of Crasting process or falling in the Wart. of Russian success or failure in the East, this understanding of building and trans-porting six bridges to Planders evi-dences an intention at least to drive the Germans beyond the Bhine.

GERMAN FLEET SLIPS BY BRITISH WARSHIPS: BIG BATTLE RUMORED

Large Squadron of Kaiser's Cruisers Sighted in North Sea by Captains of Heavy Firing Heard.

LONDON, April 12: Reports that a German squadron has escaped the British blockade and has been engaged by British warships off the coast of Norway, south of Bergen, were received here today from a number of Scandinavian ports. The Admiralty Stattly

dispatch from Hull this afternoon said that residents of Bridlington, 22 miles from Hill, reported they heard heavy cannonading coming from the direction of the North Ses late Saturday night.

FROM U. S. BY ALLIES

The sea the sea that saturday much other North Sea villages were filled with rumors of a naval engagement.

Captains of Scandinavian vessels arriving at Copenhagen today reported sighting German warships in the northern part of the North Sea, at least 450 miles from Heligoland, on Wednesday and Thursday. Several skippers were positive there were 15 warships in the German fleet. Others guessed the number at 25. A Norwegian steamship from Bergen re-ported she met a British cruiser south of Bergen while proceeding to Copen-

hagen, and was warned to hig the coast for the remainder of her journey. Norwegian newspapers printed at Bergen carried rumors today of a navai battle off Sartor Island, on the Norwegian coast, on Wednesday night. At about 11 o'clock, according to the reports there was a heavy cannonade, the blue light of gunfire on the horizon and windows rattled on the island. Persons who congregated on the beach were convinced that a sea fight had occurred.

Residents of Autzire Island, 30 miles south of Bergen, reported Thursday morning they sighted a squadron steaming in a northwesterly direction The nationality of the ships was un known, according to the Bergen news-

Captain Sorensen, of the steamship Vestlos, reported when he put into Christiania that he sighted a large squadron off the Norwegian coast Wednesday afternoon. He passed between two cruisers, he said, and observed dis-tinctly that they carried the German olors. They were steaming northward,

For the last fortnight Scandinavian rewapapers have carried rumors of dashes by the German fleet into the North Sea and reports of heavy can-noulding off the coast. In the present instance the reports came from several different aources and they were given some credence in London today. It was believed possible that a squadron of fast German battle cruisers may have, es-caped from the German coast to raid British commerce, confident that their speed would save them from capture

THINK GIRL OF 17 WAS SLAIN

Marks of Violence on Body of Miss Sullivan.

The finding of a body, believed to be that of Miss Pauline Sullivan, in a lake at Lakeland, near Washington, today, caused Lieutenant W. B. Sullivan, of the United States Marine Corps, stationed at League Island, and Miss Mabel Sullivan, of 4617 Sansom street, brother and slater of the missing girl, to go to the capital to identify the bady.

the capital to identify the body.

Dr. Leroy T. Howard, the family physician, said the body was Miss Sullivan. and thinks the mystery of the IT-year-old girl's disappearance on December 14, 1914, has been cleared up. But the mystery of how she came to ber death remains, marks of violence on the body pointing to murder. Miss Sullivan, who was not acquainted with the country surrounding Lake No. 5, where the body was found late Saturday, would hardly have chosen the spot for suicide, the police believe.

Slip on Roof Causes Suspect's Capture Charles Cribb, allas Raymond, of \$100 North 15th atreet, an alleged motorious second-story man, was held under \$500 ball today by Magistrate Grells for a further hearing. He was captured at the home of William Partington, of 3045 North 18th atreet, when he slipped and fall on the porch roof as he was trying to enter

Liner New York Safe at Liverpool LIVERPOOL April 12.—The liner New York, which sailed from New York on April 4. arrived here safely today.

CARDINAL PUTS HOPE FOR PEACE IN POPE AND U.S.

Gibbons Gives Evening Ledger Exclusive Interview on Message of Benedict XV.

His Eminence Departs From Rule He Had Made Not to Discuss Situation Abroad. Thinks Christianity Will Not Suffer Through War.

He Declares the Holy See Will Exert Powerful Moral Influence in This Country Toward Bringing an End to Hostilities Between the Warring Nations.

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]
BALTIMORE, April 12.—The combined influence of two great powers-s great spiritual and a great temporal power-such as the Holy See and the United States of America, ought to succoed in accelerating the much-wished-for

It was thus that James Cardinal Gibbons, in an exclusive interview-granted to an Evening Lenger representative today at the Archepiscopal residence-volced his comment on the widely discussed peace message of Pope Benedict XV, cabled to America yesterday.

The Cardinal is, among the public men of America, perhaps the most careful in making public statements, and has discontinued commenting in the newspapers on the war. He refused to see the re-porters in regard to Pope Benedict's stateent yesterday, but he expressed to the EVENING LEDGER representative today the hope that the message from the Vatican would be a potent influence in effecting an early cessation of hostilities among the warring countries of Europe.

GREAT MORAL INFLUENCE. Norwegian Vessels. authentic one," he said, earnestly, "and if it is, it reflects great honor on the naternal heart of the Holy Father, who manifests so earnest a desire for the early close of the war.

'I was also much pleased to see that e entertains great hope that the United States Government may be a very potent factor in bringing the war to a close."

Just what initiative steps he thought President Wilson might be able to take in order to bring about, with the co-operation of the Holy See, a condition favorable to an early peace, his Emi-nence would not state, but he intimated that the Pope's message might be pected to exert a tremendous moral influence in causing an early termination to the great carnage now going on, and that, after all the evil of war, some good

CHRISTIANTTY FURTHERED. "The cause of Christianity." he said. with deep conviction, "will be furthered rather than retarded. Already a fresh, strong impetus to religious practice world over has been given by the English, trish and soldiers of all nations engaged in the conflict turn to the author of their being for consolation and succor in the face of the terrible work that con-

AMERICAN LINER CALLS FOR HELP OFF JAPAN

Five Steamships and Two Jap Warships Rush to Aid Minnesota, Which Is Ashore.

TOKIO, April 12-Five steamships and two Japanese warships rushed to the assistance of the American liner Minnesota today in response to "S. O. S." wireless calls, stating that the steamship was ashore in the inland Sea, the long strait separating the island of Nippon from the islands of Kiushiu and Shikoku. The Minnesota, largest liner on the

Pacific Ocean, is reported to have about 1500 persons aboard. She was bound from Manila to Seattle when she went ashore. A severe storm recently has been sweeping Japan, and it is believed that this was responsible for the predicament of the Minnesota, though a wireless dis patch sent from the ship early today said that the weather was calm at that time. The Minnesota is commanded by Cap tain Garlick, one of the most capable navigators of the Pacific Ocean. She is a vessel of 13,321 tons and is owned by the

Great Northern Steamship Compa On a recent trip from Seattle to the Orient, the Minnesota broke all records for cargo-carrying ships, taking 16.318 tons of cotton, flour and general mer-chandise. The liner was built in 1904 at New London, Conn. Because of her great size, the Russian Government made attempt to purchase her for a transport n 1914, but the negotiations fell through. The Minnesota is the largest merchant ship flying the American flag. She was built to accommodate 2000 passengers, a crew of 250 men and a cargo of 22,000 tons.

She cost \$2,000,000. She cost \$2,000,000.

A wireless dispatch picked up at Shimonoseki this forenoon said that all the passengers and mails of the Minnesota had been transferred to another steamer and were being taken to Shimonoseki.

The captain and crew of the Minnesota remained aboard their vessel, believing that it could be refloated, though badly damaged.

badly damaged. A dispatch from Manila says that Mrs. Prancis Burton Harrison, wife of the Governor-General of the Philippine Is-lands, with two children, was on the Minnegota. Mrs. Harrison was accompanied by Captain Archibald F. Commiskey, military aide to Governor-General Harri-

The Kensingtonian Says: The dactor told Rube Millet that it was

healthy to walk after his meals, and he has been walking after them for the last il weeks.

LOST AND FOUND

LUST Small gold box initials F. E. In. be tween Broad and lith, on Chestaut Re-turn to 1025 Spruce Suitable reward.

BULLETINS

BETHLEHEM STEEL SKYROCKETS AGAIN

NE WYORK, April 12 .- A 17-point advance was made in Bethlehem Steel this afternoon, the stock selling up to 125, the highest point it has ever sold.

FIVE-YEAR-OLD CAMDEN CHILD FATALLY BURNED

Five-year-old Mary Dunto, 309 Atlantic avenue, Camden, set fire to her clothing when left alone in her home today, and received burns which will cause her death. Neighbors who heard her screams came to her rescue. She was taken to the West Jersey Homeopathic Hospital.

LINDSEY OPPONENTS LOSE FIGHT

DENVER, Col., April 12.-Judge Ben B. Lindsey will remain at the head of the Juvenile Court here. Governor George A. Carlson at noon today vetord the anti-Lindsey bills pased in the dying hours of the Legislature Saturday.

BATTLE IN PROGRESS IN MEXICO

LAREDO, Tex., April 12 .- A battle between 2000 soldiers of General Carranza's Constitutionalist army and 15 troops00 of Generai Villa's convention army began near La Jacrita, 35 miles southwest of Neuvo Laredo today.

COFFIN WITH CHILD'S BODY HURLED TO STREET

A coffin containing the body of Joseph Lauer, a child, brought here from Indiana for burial, was thrown from a hearse at Kensington avenue and Nicetown lane, today, when the vehicle was struck by a northbound trolley car. Albert Sanders, the driver of the hearse, was badly bruised. The hearse was demolished.

AVIATOR FALLS 60 FEET TO HIS DEATH

COLLEGE PARK, Md., April 12.-Cecil Malcolm Peoli, an aviator, fell 60 feet during a flight here this afternoon and was killed. Peoli was 22 years old and had been flying for five years. He was said to have been the only aviator who ever made the trans-Andean flight.

PARENTS ADVERTISE FOR STOLEN BABY Harry Channey, a Negro, and his wife, of 913 South 9th street, advertised to-

day for their stolen halo. 17 months old. The police failed to find any trace of the baby, which Mr. and Mrs. Channey say was stolen by a woman two months ago. UPSETS LAMP IN TENT; DYING OF BURNS

One-year-old Benjamin Stone, of 740 South 4th street, is dying at Mount Sinal Hospital of burns received at his home when he upset a lamp under a

small tent his 3-year-old brother Paul had set up in a closet. Mrs. Anna Geiss. who lives in the same house, carried the boy to the hospital. HOUSE OF CORRECTION INMATE CHOKES TO DEATH John Reilly, 49 years old, an inmate at the House of Correction, choked to

death at noon today on a piece of meat while cating his dinner. Doctor Rob-

inson was summoned, but the man was dead when the physician arrived. Reilly

lived near Thompson street and Lehigh avenue. He was sentenced on April 7.

PRESIDENT WILL ATTEND RECEPTION HERE IN MAY President Wilson today accepted Mayor Blankenburg's invitation to represent the Federal Government at a reception to recently naturalized United States citizens, which will be held in Convention Hall May 16. The Mayor, several Philadelphia judges and other prominent Philadelphians will speak. Numerous Washington officials also are expected to attend the reception. The Reception Committee will arrange details of the reception at a meeting in the Mayor's office next Thursday afternoon.

ARGUMENT ON THAW'S PLEA POSTPONED

NEW YORK, April 12,-Arguments on the motion of Harry K. Thaw asking for a test of his sanity before a jury, scheduled to be heard today before Supreme Court Justice Neuberger, were postponed until Thursday because of the illness of Deputy Attorney General Kennedy, who is conducting the case for the State.

536 MEN WANT CIVIL SERVICE JOBS

Five hundred and thirty-six men today took an examination before the Civil Service Commission on a chance of obtaining a position of messenger in city employ. There are only 10 such positions that may be filled. The salaries range from \$900 to \$1200 a year.

TWO MILLIONAIRES INDICTED FOR CONSPIRACY

CHICAGO, April 12.—Eight indictments alleging frauds through sale of millions of dollars' worth of bonds in an irrigation project, it was announced today, have been secretly returned against promoters of the project.

The following were indicted on two counts charging conspiracy to violate the postal laws and perpetration of fraud through the mails: Charles F. Tew, lawyer and politician of Greeley, Col.; William S. Hiff, millionaire capitalist of Denver; Samuel H. Shields, millionaire capitalist of Denver. Four others were indicted on charges of violation of the postal laws.

CHARGES AGAINST DR. PARKHURST DISMISSED

NEW YORK, April 12 -- On the ground that insufficient evidence had been presented charges against the Rev. Charles H. Parkhurst, of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, were formally dismissed by the Presbytery of New York today. The Oakland, Cal., Presbytery presented the charges. It was alleged that Doctor Parkhurst sent a letter to a friend in San Francisco declaring the sale of beer and light wines should not be prohibited, but favoring prohibitory laws against stronger drinks.

BULGAR ASSAULTS ON SERB FRONTIER

LONDON, April 12.—Bulgarian forces are continuing their attacks on the Servian frontier, according to a Nish dispatch received at the Servian Legation this afternoon. It states they assailed the block house at Zanoka and forced the Sarvian troops to retire at Maleche. Another attack was made near Mouchkovo, but the Bulgarians were repulsed there.

TWO AMERICAN SHIPS SEIZED BY BRITISH

LONDON, April 12 -England's blockade of Germany netted two American victims today. The steamers Joseph W. Fordney and Navajo were captured by British cruisers and taken into Kirkwall, Scotland. The Fordney was bound from New York to Malmo, Sweden, and the Navalo from Galveston to Bremen. Prize crews have been placed on both the Fordney and Navajo and they will have to go before a prize court. Their captains communicated with the owners

today, and steps have been taken looking to action by the American Embassy.

MAN JUMPS FROM BRIDGE INTO RIVER A man jumped from the Markel street bridge into the Schuytish Erver sariy. today. The crew of the policeboat Reyburn is grappling for the body in the river below the bridge.