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# **U.S. SHIP HOMEWARD BOUND FALLS VICTIM TO SUBMARINE OFF WEST COAST OF IRELAND**

Troops Cross Frontier

in Three Offensives.

Trent Objective, and

Trieste Threatened.

General Cardona Reports Aus-

trians Retire at Many Points

Without Offering Serious

Resistance - Adige and

Brenta River Valleys Taken.

Three distinct offensives are being de-

veloped by Italy in its war against Aus-

ria. The first is the drive on Trieste.

in which the Italian troops have taken

several Austrian towns and are pushing

forward rapidly on the important railway centre of Gradisca. The second is at the extreme northern boundary, in the

Carnia Alps, where General Cadorna, the Italian commander-in-chief, reports to-day that all the passes in the Cadore

Liner, Built on Delaware, Is Hit by Torpedo in Sea Lanes Near Scene of Lusitania Tragedy-Bound for Delaware Breakwater After Voyage to Liverpool.

S. O. S. Signals Flashed by Damaged Vessel, Which Later Made for Liverpool Under Own Steam-Washington in Consternation Over Possible Consequences of Disaster, But Officials Are Reticent Until Responsibility Is Fixed

The liner Nebrashan of American registry, flying the American flag nd bound from Liverpool to the Delaware Breakwater, has been torpedoed I the Irish coast. United States Consul Skinner, at London, has officially estified the State Department of the disaster, which took place about 40 miles south by west of Fastnet Rock, near which the Lusitania went down. The president of the International Mercantile Marine has officially confirmed the torpedoing of the ship.

The fact that the Nebraskan was torpedoed on the home route, when possible charge of carrying contraband could be made against her, insents the attack on the American liner with serious consequences.

Consternation was privately expressed in official circles in Washngton at the torpedoing of the vessel, but the State Department would make no comment until responsibility for the attack had been fixed.

WASHINGTON, May 26. An official report that the American steamship Nebraskan, bound from Livercol to Delaware Breakwater, was torpedoed 40 miles west by south of Fast-tet Rock. Ireland, was cabled to the State Department today by Consul Genaral Skinner, at London Skinner's dispatch read:

"Admiralty reports American steamer Nebraskan, Liverpool for Delaware Ereskwater, torpedoed 40 miles south by wast of Fastnet. Crew in boats standing by. Weather fine. No direct report yth The State Department officials are

rating for a direct report from Gonsul Front at Queenstown, the nearest port is Fastnet Rock, before making any comment on the affair. The Lusitainia tas torpedoed about 50 miles east of

While Counselor Lansing and other that Department officials observed the rais of allence imposed by Secretary of Sate Bryan on cases involving serious international complications, it was recogted at once that the case presented

# SLAVS AT PRZEMYSL FURIOUSLY ATTACKED **BY AUSTRO-GERMANS**

Desperate Fighting Rages Around Russian Stronghold in Galicia as Mackensen's Army Closes in on Foe.

Przemysl is again the objective of Austro-German attacks, after a recent brief lull in the Galician offensive, Simultaneous assaults have been delivered against the western forts of the Przemysl salient and on strong positions on the Slav (east) side of the San. Heavy bombardment of the trenches below Jaroslau is conceded by Petrograd. Berlin announces an Austro-German several villages. army has crossed the San at Radymo, six miles north of Przemysl, after cap-turing the town of Swiete. This second column on the east bank is a serious menace to the Lemberg-Przemysl Railroad. In a great air raid by the French, 203 bombs were dropped on the German lines, destroying the depot and military storehouses at St. Quentin. Gains for the French in their drive beyond Arras are officially reported by the War Office. The British admit that they have lost trenches in the Ypres region which they have been unable to retake. The British losses are announced in a report from General Sir John French and were due to gas attack, which spread over a five-mile front to the east of Ypres and forced the British to quit their advanced positions. The French captured a German position at Souchez, which they had attacked for 15 days, and advanced on a front of nearly a mile. To the northvest of Angres, near La Bassee, the Office today. French also gained ground, while progress is reported along the Aix Noulette-Souchez road.

**ITALIANS DRIVE ENDS MOTHER'S PAIN** AND LIFE WITH DRUG. **AUSTRIANS OUT** THEN DRUGS HERSELF OF TYROL PASS Woman Covers Aged Suf-

ferer's Face With Chloroform Sponge in Episcopal Hospital While Nurse **Cares for Other Patients** 

A middle-aged woman, who could not bear to see her aged mother suffering, shortened the aged woman's life by two hours at the Episcopal Hospital, according to physicians, by laying a bit of gauze saturated with chloroform over her face. She then went to a bench in an isolated spot in the grounds of the hospital and tried to end her own life by the

same means. The woman is Miss Bertha Kreiber, 42 years old, of 520 West Susquehanna ave-nue. She is now at her home under police surveillance. The mother was Mrs. Phoebe Kreiber, 38 years old. She had been in the hospital since March 25, paralyzed as the result of a hip fracture sustained in a fall down stairs. For three nights, physicians at the hos-pital said, Miss Kreiber had been sitting wide-eyed at the bedside of her mother. The aged woman was near death. Phy-sicians said yesterday she would die in a The woman is Miss Bertha Kreiber, 42

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AMERICAN STEAMSHIP NEBRASKAN, BLOWN UP OFF IRISH COAST

JURY FIXING CHARGE

Probation Official.

officer, for embezzlement in the Camden

an officer of the court had attempted to influence some of the jurors in favor of the accused former official.

Howard Truax, Assistant County Clerk,

Battleship Squadron Speeds to Rescue in Reply to S. O. S. Calls-South Carolina Arrives on Scene First and

BOSTON, May 26-Thrilling scenes of rescue in the darkness of the night and a thick fog were enacted when the Holland-American liner Ryndam, which left New York for Rotterdam yesterday, was rammed by the Norwegian tramp freighter Joseph J. Cunco, off Nantucket, at 3:30 o'clock this morning. The Ryndam was so badly damaged that orders were immediately given to launch the lifeboats

Takes Off Passengers.

REVENUE CUTTER RUSHED TO AID OF STRICKEN LINER WOODS HOLE, Mass., May 26 .- The revenue cutter Acushnet hurried from here at top speed, cut through Vineyard Sound and headed for the open ocean to intercept the damaged liners Ryndam and Cuneo and their convoys and to make the rest of the trip with them. The revenue cutter is much more spry on the sea than the battleships, and in case the Ryndam suddenly

MRS, STUYVESANT FISH, SR., DIES

began to sink it was thought that the Acushnet would be handy to pick

up any one that may need help.

GARRISON, N. Y., May 26 .- Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, Sr., the widely known society leader and wife of the former president of the Illinois Central Railway, died at her country home here today from hemorrhage of the brain. Mrs. Fish for many years had been a leader in American society, but, at the same time, a great deal of her attention was devoted to charity and philanthropy, Before her marriage to Stuyvesant Fish on June 1, 1876, she was Marion Graves Anthony.

BECKER AGAIN SENTENCED TO DIE IN ELECTRIC CHAIR ALBANY, May 26 .- Charles Becker, former police lieutenant in New York, today was sentenced to die in the electric chair some time in the week beginning July 12.

Dutch Steamship With 238 Souls Aboard Is Badly Damaged in Collision.

The royal family has been summoned to his bedside. LINER RYNDAM HARRISBURG, May 26 .- After setting July I for the hearing of the anthracite tax appeal the State Supreme Court, which has HIT BY TRAMP been in session here this week, adjourned this afternoon.

**OFF U.S. COAST** 

SOUTH CAROLINA BRINGING 229 FROM STRICKEN SHIP

QUICK NEWS

NEBRASKAN PASSES QUEENSTOWN QUEENSTOWN, May 26 .- The Nekraskan passed Queenstown this afternoon steaming toward Liverpool at eight knots an hour.

GREEK KING AT POINT OF DEATH ATHENS, May 26 .- King Constantine is believed to be dying.

ANTHRACITE TAX READY ON JULY 1

NEW YORK, May 26 .- All of the 78 passengers and 151 members of the crew of the liner Ryndam, which was rammed by the steamship Cunco early today, are on board the battleship South Carolina which is expected to arrive at the entrance of New York Harbor at about 10 o'clock tonight. The Ryndam is being convoyed by the battleship Texas.

# MADDENED HORSE NEARLY KILLS MAN

Lawrence Meade, 22 years old, of 2027 Indiana avenue, is in a serious condition, in St. Joseph's Hospital as a result of injuries received when a horse kicked him off a meat wagon and then pulled the vehicle over him at Rednor and Woodstock streets this afternoon. The horse can for nearly a mile before it was caught by Patrolman Wert, who was dragged more than 25 feet before he could stop it.

t was indicated at the department that the Nebraskan be found to have been stually torpedoed and the responsibility b placed on Germany, it would present be most serious violation of American sutrality yet committed by the Kaiser's

Hitherto the German excuse for attacks such as that made upon the steamship fulfight was that the shipment of con-traband to the Allies must be prevented # all costs.

No such argument would apply, howwhich argument would apply how out, to an attack on a neutral vessel bund from a British port to the United fates, it was stated. It is this phase of is matter which created the most anx-ity in State Department circles when news was received. The affair was mided as ominous of German's attials toward the protest made by Presitrat Wilson against her submarine war-

NEW YORK, May 2% M American-Hawallan Steamship ich from Captain John S. Green, the steamship Nebraskan, at 10 o'clock

ck either mine or torpedo 48 miles struck either mine of torpute. Water is lower hold. Am steaming to Liver-

# MBRASKAN TORPEDOED, DECLARATION OF OWNERS

LONDON, May 26.-Lloyd's Maritime tracy announced this afternoon that the series steamship Nebraskan, bound in Liverpool to the United States, was

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tas clear yesterday and the Knights and to their hearts' content without climatic interference, so we sup-it does not make much difference, It does not make much difference, way or another, that today is a mis-line one. We could hardly expect it weise, however, for does not the man Horas Show open tomorrow? This event is absolutely dependent duar weather for a fair measure of weise, who in the world could expect be dear? As for this town at large, are glowly becoming a rival of Pitta-mether it comes to the hoorice of the atmosphere. If it gets much an such and every one of our citizens such and every one of our citizens have to be equipped with one of hew Marconi instruments that can through anything.

# FORECAST

" Philadelphia and vicinity: Show-Imight and probably Thursday; tonight; moderate to fresh Custat to north winds. WHER WEATHER ON PAGE &

# PRZEMYSL AGAIN OBJECTIVE OF AUSTRO-GERMAN DRIVE

Mackenzen's Left Wing Hurled at Galician Fortress.

PETROGRAD, May 26. The Austro-Germans have launched a The Austro-Germans have launched a furious attack against the Russian lines around Przemysl. The War Office today admitted a renewal of the enemy's at-tack, and reported that the enemy ap-parently is in large force. General Mack-ensen is directing the onslaught in per-metal the more relation of takand, with the apparent intention of tak-ing Przemyal at any cost. The battle for the fortress was re-sumed late Monday. Simultaneous at-

aumed fate stonday, Simultaneous at-tacks were delivered on the forts guard-ing Przenysi from the west and upon the Slav positions on the east bank of the San to the north

# KNIGHTS TEMPLAR!

Copies of the Evening Ledger, of yesterday's issue, containing magnificent full page picture of the great Knights Templar parade on Broad street, will be mailed to any address for one cent each.

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district are in the hands of the Italians, who have crossed the frontier and taken

In the Goritz drive the Italiana are within five miles of Gradisca and about 23 miles from Trieste. They have forced the Austrians back across the Judrio and Isonzo Rivers.

The third offensive has as its objective the city of Trent, and is being pushed forward at several passes. At Tonale Pass, on the western boundary of the Tyrol, the Italians took several hundred Austrian Alpine troops. On the southern edge of the Tyrol, up the Adige River valley, further progress was made, while further to the east and north the Italiana are driving through the passes of the Brenta River Valley. General Cadorna reports that the Aus-

trians retired at all points without offer-ing serious resistance and destroyed all bridges and railway lines.

In a naval battle in the Adriatic the Austrians report that they sunk an Ital-ian destroyer, and admit that one of their battleships was badly damaged, but reached Pola safely.

ROME, May 26. Striking rapidly at the Austrian frontier positions, the Italian army is winning all along the front, according to ar official report from General Cadorna, the Italian Commander-in-Chief, issued at the War

was just about to swear the panel when Prosecuting Attorney William J. Kraft stood up and petitioned Judge Swack-hammer, of Gloucester City, who was All the frontier passes in the Cadore district have been captured by the Italians, who have occupied more towns Italians, who have occupied more towns in Austrian territory. The report of operations show that the Italians are moving forward along a front of about 60 miles. The Austrians thus far have not offered battle, continuing their re-treat and destroying bridges to hamper the Italian army. At Tonale Pass, on the western border

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# **RE VITTORIO SI RECA A PRENDERE** IL COMANDO DELLE SUE TRUPPE

Le Truppe del Generale Cadorna Avanzano Sulle Strade del Tonale, del Brenta e del Cadore Verso la Citta di Trento, Loro Obbiettivo Principale.

fi Re Vittorio Emmanuele e partito questa mattina per il Veneto per prendere comando delle forze di terra operanti contro l'Austria.

Un comunicato ufficiale pubblicato a Roma questa mattina dice che le truppe italiane hanno occupato tutti i passi importanti che portano nel Trentino, apren- The Kensingtonian Says: dosi così la strada verso il campo trincerato di Trento, che e straordinariamente fortificato.

Lo stesso comunicato ufficiale dice che le forse italiane continuano la loro offensiva tra le vallate del Judrio e dell'Isonzo, sul confine orientale dell'Italia, verso la citta di Trieste e verso la strada di Lubiana. Ad eccesione di una parte del fronte di battaglia, e cioe nella regione della Carnia, dove si e avuto un violento combattimento e dave le truppe italiane hanno attaccato il nemico alla baionetta, sconfiggendolo le truppe austriache si sono finora costantemente ritirate davanti alle truppe italiane, senza accettare o dar battaglia.

Un telegramma da Berlino ad un giornale di Amsterdam dice che un aeropiane italiano che compiva un velo di ricognizione sulle posizioni austriache e stato atterrato dagli austriaci. Due ufficiali di Stato Maggiore che si trovavano nel aeroplano ono rimaati uccisi.

Lo stesso telegramma dice che gli italiani che avevano invaso l'Austria dal nfine orientale sono giunti sino ad otto miglia da Gorizia. cal

(Laggers in 2a pagine plu complete a dettagilate noticie della guerra in<sup>0</sup> lialiano.)

Photo by New York Shipbuilding Company

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while S. O. S. calls from the liner's wire-less pleaded for help. The calls were answered by a squadron of United States answered by a squaron of United States warships, now maneuvring off the Atlan-tic coast. The warships, led by the battle-ship South Carolina, were first to pick up the steamship's call for aid. The South Carolina arrived on the scene of the col-lision first and was soon followed by the superdreadnought Texas and the battle-ship Louisiana. STIRS CAMDEN COURT: THEFT TRIAL HALTED ship Louisiana.

The Ryndam had 78 passengers on board Judge Orders New Hearing and a crew of 150. Most of these were removed to the Cunco before the arrival of the South Carolina. About half of the number were later transferred to the bat-When Prosecutor Says Jurors Were Approached tieship. The Ryndam and the Cunco, which was also damaged, are now on their way to New York, convoyed by the in Interest of Former

their way to New York, convoyed by the United States squadron. Captain Huchel, of the Ryndam, wire-lesced that he waa making about 13 miles an hour toward New York; that water was gaining in the holds, but that he could control the water in the engine-Allegations of jury tampering in the interests of the defendant brought a cooms. The extent of damage to the Cuneo was not mentioned, but abviously the was not badly injured, as repeated sudden and sensational halt to the trial of J. Moore White, a former probation reference was made in the wireless County court today. The trial was stopped before it was fairly begun, for not a witness had yet been examined when it was declared to the Judge that passengers having been transferred to

One brief wireless dispatch said that passengers and crew were getting into the boats. This was the only suggestive detail of the thrilling scene that must have been enacted in the darkness and

# Concluded on Page Two, Column Seven ITALIAN WARSHIP DAMAGED IN ADRIATIC BATTLE

Captain of Greek Vessel Witnesses Fighting.

ATHENS, May 28.--A detailed story of a naval engagement in the Adriatic be-ween five Austrian destroyers and three Italian cruisers was brought here today by the captain of the Greek steamer Arriatices. One Italian warship was bad-ly damaged and forced to drop out a line, the captain reported. The Austrians fied toward Pola.

The battle occurred in the Adriatic off the island of Lissa and midway between the Italian towns of Ancona and Barletta which were bombarded by Austrian war-ships, the captain said. For 20 minutes the speedy Austrian destroyers dodged the speedy Austrian destroyers dodged about the larger enemy craft, delivering bréadside after broadside. None of the Austrian ships appeared to have been badly damaged, the Greek captain said, but an Italian cruiser was forced to down our of the cruiser was

forced to drop out of line and abandor the purauit.

The Fudge Party given by the Sunshine Girls on Sunday last was a very pleasant affair. The La Salle boys were present as usual. That sweet little blond, Mr. Robert Snyder, of Frankford, was the quest of honor

# LOST AND FOUND

LOST-In front of on in Stoll Box contains that, May 25, jewel box contains the stolling Please bring to Moll Power and the stolling telve reward. LOST-Culf button, gold and Pleastum, from automobile, bes. Inch and Market and 5dd and Market via Chestnui si. Rew. Phone West 4dd LEFT in a Buick jitney Monday night, 4 black apring sourcost; owner's name on inside pocket. Reward if returned to 1stl Arch at.

FIGHT FOR BECKER'S LIFE TO BE MADE IN SUPREME COURT NEW YORK, May 26 .- Though the Court of Appeals has ended the hope of ex-Lieutenant Charles Becker as far as the New York courts are concerned, his second conviction of the murder of Herman Rosenthal will be carried to the United States Supreme Court. It is possible that the fight to save the life of the former police official will not be ended for two years. It is the contention of Becker's attorney, Martin T. Manton, that the convicted man's constitutional rights were violated by the admission of improper evidence at his second trial. It is on this ground that the fight will be made before the United States Supreme Court. Becker himself is reported to be completely discouraged.

### ATHLETICS-CLEVELAND GAME IS OFF

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CLEVELAND, O., May 26 .- Today's game between the Macks and Indians was called off at noon today on account of cold weather. The final contest of the series will be played tomorrow, after which the Athletics leave for Philadelphia.

### GREEK KING'S CONDITION VERY GRAVE

ATHENS, May 26. - King Constantine of Greece continues extremely weak. An official bulletin issued today gave his temperature at 99.5 and his pulse at 96. Physicians do not conceal the gravity of his condition.

### CRAZED MOTHER'S TRIPLE CRIME

NEW YORK, May 26 .- During a fit of insanity, Mrs. Francis O'Neill, wife of a prosperous Brooklyn architect, strangled her young daughter, attempted to slay her son and then committed suicide by shooting in her home on Eastern Parkway today.

# NINE MEN PERISH WHEN BARK IS WRECKED

FAYAL, May 26.-The French bark Bidart has been wrecked at Faja Grande. Nine men of her crew perished. Fourteen were saved. The ship was bound from New Caledonia to Glasgow.

# WIDOW OF WRECK VICTIM GETS \$14,675 DAMAGES

NORRISTOWN, Pa., May 26 .- For the death of her husband, Fred Simons, Norristown reporter, who was killed by a Reading Rallway train at Souderton October 15, when the automobile in which he and Washington party candidates were passengers, was struck by a train, his widow, Minnie Simons, was awarded \$14,675 damages by a court here.

# LADS OFFER BAD DOLLAR FOR CANDY

Two little schoolboys were arrested today after effering a lead dollar to a storekeeper. They are Howard Kennedy, 14 years old, of 5523 Hunter's avenue, and Frederick Brehn, 13 years old, of 5638 Hunter's avenue, both pupils at the Hanna School, 58th and Media streets. The two hoys tried to purchase candy at Howell's candy store, Alden and Media streets today. The school authorities and the police were notified and the boys were given into the custody of Commissioner Griffith, of the United States Secret Service, for a hearing at the Federal Building. They said a man gave them the coin.

## FATHER KILLED, SON HURT, IN RUNAWAY

NORRISTOWN, Pa., May 26 .- Charles Tarnetti was killed and a son was injured today in a runaway accident. Tarnetti, a milk dealer, was serving a customer when his horse ran away. He started after it and was run over in an effort to stop the animal. The boy was thrown out. His injuries are slight.

### TWO BRITISH AIRMEN PLUNGE TO DEATH

HAZEBROUCK, France, May 28 .- Explosion of a motor while they ware reconnoitering high above the Allied lines today sent two British airmen plunging to earth in a stream of fire. Both men were so hadly burned that they will die. Their aeroplane was destroyed.

# LEHIGH VALLEY AWARDS \$600,000 CONTRACT

The Lehigh Valley Railroad Company has awarded contracts for rebuilding and strengthening 2000 hox cars. The cars are of 60,000 pounds capacity each. The work is being done by the American Car and Foundry Company other Classified Ade on Pages 18 and 18 | and the Standard Steel Car Company, and the estimated cost is \$500,000.