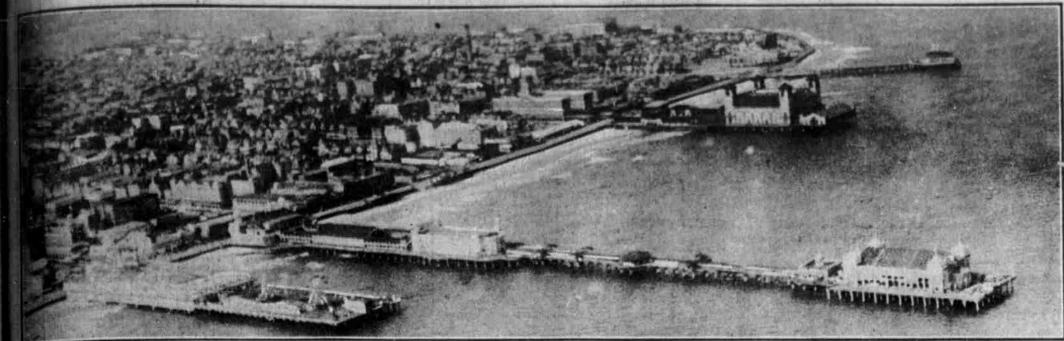
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WHERE BOARDWALK ESTABLISHMENTS WENT UP IN FLAMES AT ATLANTIC CITY



section that suffered most is shown in the lower left-hand corner of the picture, situated between Pennsylvania and North Carolina avenues. The short pier in the foreground is the Steeplechase, with the long Steel and the Garden piers beyond. The picture was taken recently from an aeroplane by an Evening Ledger staff photographer.

WO AMERICANS OFFICIALLY REPORTED LOST IN SUBMARINE ATTACK ON LINER ARABIC

At Least Twenty Persons Perish on Steamship Sent to Bottom by Torpedo-No Warning Given by German Commander.

With the official confirmation by White Star Line officials in London of ass of two American lives in the sinking of the liner Arabic by a German ne, the German-American situation has become more acute, but by serious, not at least until full reports are received from Ambassador and American Consular representatives in London and Queenstown on erect circumstances surrounding the submarine attack.

There is a strong intimation among officials in Washington that the ble may have been convoyed by a warship part of the distance from nd that the convoy was within close call when the submarine

Under these circumstances, if they are confirmed, the attack will most come within the bounds of international law.

ARABIC, IF CONVOYED,

ment official today.

WAS SUNK LEGALLY

The Arabic, perhaps, was not entitled to

consideration as an "unarmed ship." The

doubt was raised by a high State Depart-

"A merchantman under convoy," said

the official who suggested the question, loses its status as an unarmed vessel.

account in its calculations concerning the policy it must adopt as a sequel to the

White Star liner's destruction by a Ger-

man undersea boat. The issue, it was said, was one of fact

-was the Arabic, though without a con-voy when attacked, within the zone of

the convoy's protection?
All accounts at the State Department's hand indicated that the liner was con-

voyed from port, but as soon as its cap-tain deemed his craft out of danger, dropped the convoy and proceeded on its

voyage alone. Whether the convoy was still within

taken into account.
Officially the State Department with-

held all comment pending further advices from Ambassador Page and Consul Gen-

AMERICANS LOST IN SINKING OF ARABIC

the Americans who were pas-n the White Star liner Arabic was sunk by a German sub-

search of many hours it was at the American embassy that could be found of Mrs. Josephine Bruguiere, of New York, and Dr. Woods, of Janesville, Wis. sports received at the White Star adicated that at least 20 persons

my be more lost their lives. Mrs. Bruguiere had been saved, but spent advices from Queenstown, a her son Louis was trying to get trace of her, stated definitely that imerican woman had perished.
American Embassy here began an

te investigation of the circum-surrounding the torpedoing of the a German submarine. It is that a naval attache was disto Queenstown last night. The

asul at Queenstown will submit from the American survivors

that the Arabic was torpedoed warning. At offices of the White it was stated that all the passorated the statement of Finch that the German U-boat sent the Arabic to the bottom with making blow was not even seen,

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VIC, OF WHITE STAR

INE, ALSO TORPEDOED

Others Lost

about 150 men.

N. Aug. 20.-Another White

om New York to Manchester

eral cargo. The Bovic carried

ich from Queenstown brought

eport of the Bovic's destruction

a agencies here. It gave no

on August 8, it was believed

is the smallest of the White

but as the vessel sailed from

that it was passing the south

Ireland either last night or

of merchant vessels and one dest. She was capable of makli knots an hour.

I knots and damarine and damare arious. according to shipping patches, and she was able to the control of the control of

defined a con-ton steamer owned defined & Co., of Liverpool, and at that port. She was built at the left and is see feet long and at he beam.

finer, the Bovie, 6583 tons, was re-

SLAVS PLAN TO ABANDON **PETROGRAD**

Moscow Chosen as New Seat of Government as Peter's City Is Menaced

WAS ANCIENT CAPITAL

Drive on Riga Forces Czar to Seek Seat Farther From Teutonic Assault

By HERBERT TEMPLE

LONDON, Aug. 20. Plans for the removal of the Russian apital to Moscow are now under consideration at Petrograd, according to vord reaching here today.

Though Petrograd is in no danger at present from the German field armies, the German field, at latest report, was menacing Riga, the capture of which would permit the landing of troops from

The length of the Russian front prob-ably would prevent long defense by the Czar's troops in the Baltic provinces. From a strategic standpoint, Moscow would make a much better military centre than Petrograd. Enormous difficulancient capital,

HUMAN BEINGS COLLIDE: ONE BITES OFF AN EAR

It becomes liable to submarine attack without warning." The Administration was known to have taken the point into Trophy Taken in Fierce Fight Caused by Excessive Thinking

> Deep thinking cost Barman Garasano his liberty today and Albert Montgomery his left ear. Barman lives at 1608 Ruffner street and Montgomery at 2247 North

> Each man was approaching Colorado and Blavis streets, one headed north and the other south. Each was rapt in thought, his head on his chest and his attention eisewhere than on the pathway

A certain spot on the sidewalk was reached simultaneously by the two men. The shock of the impact hurled each to sight or easy call the Department did not know. This was to be determined and it was intimated that the German, as well the ground. Slowly, wrathfully they arose. For one second they glared at each British version, would have to be other. Then each rushed.

Barman was getting the worst of the encounter, so he clinched. He tried to subdue Montgomery by bear hugs, but, finding this wouldn't work, bit off his oppopent's left ear.

eral Skinner, in London, and Vice Con-sul Thompson, in Queenstown. Until def-inite word was received from them, it The howls of Montgomery drew Police-man Wein, of the Nicetown station. Magistrate Wrigley held Garasano without bail for a further hearing. Physicians at St. Luke's Hospital found that Montgomery's ear was too badly gnawed to be attached to his head again, and they will attempt to provide him with a new

RECTOR'S BODY HOME

Remains of the Rev. H. McK. Moore Found in River at Trenton

The body of the Rev. H. McKnight Moore, assistant rector of St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 42d street and Buitimore avenue, has been shipped from Trenton to the family home at 4021 Wainut street, this city.
It was recovered yesterday under the

Calhoun street bridge, over the Delaware River at Trenton, two hours after a re-ward of \$350 had been offered by the Oliver H. Bair Undertaking Company, representing the family of Mr. Moore.

Carain Frank P. Nelson, manager of a boating establishment near the bridge. found the body, which was not multilated although it had been swept over many ocks on its way down stream from Wells Falls, above Trenton, where the tragedy

PEACHES "DIRT CHEAP"

Forty Carloads on Sale at 8 and 10 Cents a Basket

WILMINGTON, Del., Aug. 20.—Forty carloads of peaches without a destination are lying along the Delaware Raliroad. They were loaded in refrigerator cars to be shipped to market, but prices are so ow that the growers have not consigned

Owing to the large quantities of peaches the best price which can be obtained is 8 to 10 cents a banket. The cars will keep the peaches for a few days while await-ing orders for the fruit.

GERMANS TAKE NOVO GEORGIEVSK

Huge Slav Army Captured by Teutons

SIX GENERALS PRISONERS

Last Vistula Stronghold Smashed by Howitzers After Siege of Twelve Days

at the junction of the Vistula and Narew Rivers was officially announced here to-

less than two weeks shows that no fort known to modern military engineering can stand before these giants of war-

Rivers. The Fort Benjamanow, defend-ing Novo Georgievsk on the northeastern side, was smashed to bits beneath the pounding of the German howitzers.

Novo Georgievsk fell after a siege of 12 days, during which the mighty Ger-man guns poured a rain of shells upon ita fortifications. The outlying forts were taken one by one, while the German circle drew closer daily to the main forti-fications.

the Germans have taken the last of the Vistula fortresses and removed a danger that existed as long as that stronghold was held by the Russians. The pursuit of the retreating Russian armles can be continued without any possibility of a

edoubts and several big forts and intermediate works, all mounting 10, 11 and 12-inch guns. The fortress has two pow-erful citadels and eight bridgehead posi-

of Novo Georgievsk were taken by storm and 1800 prisoners captured.

Two days later the German general staff issued this significant statement:

"The ring around Novo Georgievsk is be-coming narrower."

On the 18th two more Russian field forts

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TO SAVE DYING WOMAN

Miss Mary Eva Waidelich, of Woman's Medical Staff,

On a rainy night in November, 1913, a woman went from door to door of little streets in a congested district downtown.

FIRE SWEEPS **BLOCK ALONG BOARDWALK**

Hall at Atlantic City Menaced by Flames

MANY STORES ABLAZE

and North Carolina Avenues Quickly Consumed

ATLANTIC CITY, Aug. 20.-Fire imme diately on the beach front, which threat-ened the \$500,000 Strand Hotel and Haddon Hall nearby, and which has already gutted a half dozen small shops adjoining the hotel on the Boardwalk, is raging along the entire block between Pennsylvania and North Carolina avenues. Four

by the police. The Strand is the head-quarters of David H. Lane. Within three minutes the fire department had reached the scene and started chemical engines to work. But the flames spread fiercely through the flimsy wooden shops and 19 minutes.

spread to the Dittrich Photograph Gallery, at 1107, where the highly inflammable materials sent out sheets of flame,

owned by Mayor William Riddle and held in the name of the Mary A. Riddle Com-pany, one of the stockholders of which is Louis Kuehnle. The block of wooden ouildings was erected in 1897 at a cost of \$30,000. They rent for \$70,000 annually. Mayor Riddle said he carried \$25,000 insurance on the rentals and \$12,000 on the buildings. The stocks carried in the shops are easily worth \$100,000, said he, all of which are destroyed.

being immediately in front of the en-trance to the Strand from the Board-walk. Fire Department officials are not yet certain, but they believe a pan of

with water and spread the blaze all over the place. Great clouds of dense smoke-curied toward the Strand Hotel, one of the costliest and most modern of hotels

on the beach front.

The four or five hundred guests made a rush for the exits, and as a consequence a small-sized panic seemed inevitable. The greater majority of these guests omen and children, who had just

Continued on Page Two, Column Thre COTTON CONTRABAND,

Market to Prevent Depression of Prices

well as other details connected with the proclamation." This statement was authorized last night at the British

Embassy.

As soon as the official announcement is made, it will be disclosed also that the ailied Governments have prepared to stand behind the market to prevent ruinous depression of prices and minimize hardships to planters.

Shoots Herself Because She Thinks Her Husband No Longer Loves Her

"My husband didn't love me any more and I decided to end it all," moaned Mrs. Frances New, a young bride, to the police, after attempting suicide in her home by shooting herself. She is in the Northwestern General Hospital with a bullet weund over her heart. Physicians

QUICK NEWS

KAISER GIVES IRON CROSS TO SOCIALIST LEADER

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 20.-Political importance, it is reported from Berlin, is attached to the announcement by the newspaper Vorwaerts that Emperor William has bestowed the iron cross of the first class on Albert Sudekum, a Socialist leader, for bravery in battle.

FREE POSTAGE FOR SOLDIERS OT FRONT

PARIS, Aug. 20 .- An agreement has been signed between France and Italy by which letters and postal cards from the soldiers of one country to correspondents in another shall be carried postage free, while letters from civilians living in either country shall bear demestic postage only.

EIGHT CARS DITCHED; PASSENGERS ESCAPE DEATH

DENVER, Aug. 20.-Eight cars are reported to have been ditched yesterday, injuring a score of the 200 passengers on the Western Pacific's No. 1 westbound train, today. Reports at the local offices merely say there was an an accident at Halleck, Nev. The injured are being taken westward.

1300 STRIKE FOR EIGHT-HOUR DAY

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Aug. 20.-Thirteen hundred operatives at the Bryan Electric Company, mostly women, walked out today, in a demand for an eighthour day and other concessions.

D'ANNUNZIO AND PUCCINI TO WRITE OPERA ON WAR

VENICE, Aug. 20.-Giacomo Puccini, the Italian composer, has arrived in Venice from a visit to the front. During his trip he met Gabriele d'Annunzio, the poet, who is serving as a lieutenant in the army. D'Annunzio has agreed to write the libretto of an opera dealing with the European war in an allegorical manner. Puccini is to compose the score.

WILSON AUTOS HERE; CAPITAL WORRIES WHEN HE VANISHES

Comes to Consult Dr. De Schweinitz, Oculist, and Will Return to Washington Late This Afternoon

NATION SUFFERS A CHILL THINK THIEVES HAVE HIM

President Wilson arrived in this city at 35 o'clock this afternoon by automobile from Washington. In another car that President were six secret service men. The two machines went direct to the

office of Dr. George E. De Schweinitz, at 1705 Chestnut street. Before the door of the President's car had been opened, the secret service men were on the sidewalk. The President waved his hand to them and to newspaper men who had gathered, and walked rapidly into the house. The trip to this city, made by way of

Baltimore, was uneventful. The Presiand dent will return to Washington late toalmost the whole block was ablaze within day by motorcar. He came to this city to have his eyes examined.

A shiver ran up the spinal column of the United States today. Sensitive points like Washington, D. C., and Wall street, Manhattan, reported shocks of unusual Manhattan, reported snocks of unusual violence. At other points nothing out of the ordinary was observed, and, after two hours of extreme trepidation, it became known generally that the President was on his way to this city and the excitement abated.

The President left the White House at 7:36 o'clock this morning. He didn't think it necessary to have placards telling of his departure, with a map of his route pasted up here and there in Washington, so it was not generally known that he

About two hours later some one asked for the President, however, and learned that he had left Washington in a White House motorcar, trailed by another occu-pled by secret service men. It was not known where he had gone. Instantly that part of the nation's spine that passes through Washington began to tremble. At 9:48 the tension became unbearable. The following dispatch was sent speeding over the wires to a calm, unworried

"The President has left Washington. Nobody knows where he has gone."
That was all, but it was enough, shivering in the spine became more lent. Special correspondents started to reserve wires to their newspapers. One minute after the first dispatch came an-"President Wilson was reported in Bal-

timore at 9:45 o'clock today." TERROR FOLLOWS LULI.

A lull in the dispatches followed until 20:05. In the interval Washington had become frantic. Then the following was shunted along;
"The President was believed some

"The President was believed some-where in Baltimore, although up to 16 a, m. he could not be located." Followed more intimate de alls of how he "slipped away from the Vibine House about 7:20 a, m.," all written in the same bated breath style that warns the country between the lines to expect the worst-Later a dispatch told of a telephone call from Bultimore to the effect that the President's car didn't even hesitate there. "The two cars were seen there run-ning very fast," said Washington. "It was not known where they were bound."

At 10:11 o'clock the first suggestion that all was not lost came over the wires.
"That the President has gone to Philadelphia for an examination of his eyes was learned at 16:16 a.m. today." it said, and the telegraph wires sighed with re-

SIGH OF RELIEF.

and the telegraph wires sighed with relief.

The disturbances in the nation's spine came to a full stop shortly after this, and Washington, having set forth again that the President had gone to have his eyes treated, sat down and wrote the following dignified explanation:

"The reason for the mystery of the President's trip was not explained. The belief was however, that combining the necessity for visiting an occulat with his desire to think over the Arabic situation, by himself, he slipped away as quietly as possible by deliberate intention. The examination was said to be one of those haperiodically has made of his eyes."

This explanation was followed later by the information that the distinguished traveler had come here to consult Doctor De Schwelnitz, the eminent occulist.

Washington did not chide the President for this further than the delicate touch of represent in the words "by deliberate intention"; and it is still an open question whether this was a gentle reprinant in the mation's chief executive or an example of that justly celebrated explain.

"I AM HENRY BARTH," SAYS VOICE, BUT BOY OF 15 IS STILL MISSING

Friends Who Receive Mysterious Messages Say Speaker Is Not Youth Who Disappeared Saturday

"Tell my mother not to worry; I am all right," were the words which, in a man's voice, came over the wire to kept just behind the one occupied by the | Charles Woodland, Viola street and Belmont avenue

"Who are you?"

"I am Henry Barth." "You are not Henry Barth-The connection was cut, and although Mr. Woodland tried to get the number

which had called him, it was futile. That was the last of several mysterious telephone calls that have reached the family or friends of E-year-old Henry Barth since he disappeared last Saturday night. Mr. Woodland said today he had know Henry since early childh of a man. Henrietta Ruess, sister of Mrs. Barth and aunt of the boy, said that a similar mysterious phone call came to the boy's home, 486 Leidy avenue, last Tuesday. She declared that the speaker

at the other end of the wire was not her nephew, but a full-grown man.

Mrs. Barth said today that her son was happy at his home and that she is certain he is being detained against his will. It is her belief that he has fallen into the hands of thieves who are training him to

follow their profession.
"Otherwise, why should they k
him?" asked Mrs. Barth. "They are him?" asked Mrs. Barth. "They are not holding him for ransom, for we have reeived no demand."

Both the father and the mother say

they are only too anxious to forgive their son for running away if he will return home. The police are conducting an in-vestigation and every effort is being made

vestigation and every effort is being made to locate the boy.

Henry worked in a store near 2th and Chestnut streets and had received his pay when he disappeared Saturday night. He wore dark, short trousers, an office coat, black and white shirt, black shoes and stocking and a brown cap.

1000 ARMENIAN WOMEN AND CHILDREN BURNED

Kurds Lock Up Victims in House and Set Fire to It

PETROGRAD, Aug. 20.—One thousand Armenian women and children were locked in a wooden building by Kurdish tribeamen near Van and the building then set aftre, according to dispatches received here today, reporting the re-newal of atrocities against the Armen-lans. A few of the women broke out, but

the majority perished.

In one village all the Armenians but 26 were massacred by the Kurds, the dispatches said. In another a score of women were bound, together with some children, and thrown into Lake Van.

Hundreds Visit P. & R.'s New Office

Hundreds of persons today visited the and Reading Railway, in the Widener Building, Juniper and Chestnut streets, It is the second day of the inspection to which Eduon J. Weeks, general passenger agent, has invited the public. The office will be open for the sale of tickets August 22.

LOST AND FOUND

WHAT DID YOU PIND?

THE WEATHER

FORECART Philadelphia and vicinity-In-

cloudiness followed by rain this or on Safurday; north to winds increasing by Haturday.

Continued on Page Two, Column Six **GUERRA IMMINENTE** TRA ITALIA E TURCHIA

Marine Sinks Craft Bound La Serbia Dara' la Macedonia ai Bulgari e Questi Faranno for New York-Six Guerra alla Turchia

Due notizie importantissime portano oggi i telegrammi dall'Italia. Una e' che torpedoed and simk today while l'Italia e' alla vigilia della guerra con la Turchia, dal momento che questa non vuol permettere la partenza degli italiani che si trovano nel territorio dell'impero. Ma oitre a questa ragione, ve ne e un'altra piu grave assai, ed e' che le autorita' turche, tra cui primissimo il ministro della Guerra Enver pascia, anno inviato ufficiali, armi e denaro nella Libia per fomentarvi ma ribellione centro gli italiani, ed in parte sone ri-uses ti nel loro intento, giacche la situa-zione nella Libia non e precisamente

bella.

L'airra notizia assai importante e' che la Serqbia ha finalmente ceduto alle insistenze delle Potenze della Quadruplice Intesa ed ha accettato di dare alla Bulgaria la Macedonia. Essa ricevera' in compenso meta' dell'Albania ed un tratto della costa dalmata. L'Italia manterra' il possesso di Vallona e del suo hinterland. In conseguenza di clo, la Bulgaria annunciera' presto che essa si s' alletata con l'intesa, e presto il suo escretto, che e' gia pronto, marciera' contro Adrianopoli per attaccare la Turchia e rendere inutile ogni ulteriore resistenza dei Turchi nello Stretto dei Dardanelli. L'importanza di questa soluzione della quistione balcatica s' srandissima, giacche con l'apertura dello Stretto dei Dardanelli sara' possibile rifornire sublite di munizioni e di armi l'esercito russa e permettergli di riprendere in breve l'offensiva.

Bul fronte l'alto-austriace vi e' pochissimo di nuovo.

AND 85,000 MEN Great Russian Fortress and

BERLIN, Aug. 20. Novo Georgievsk, mightiest fortress of the Czar, has fallen. The capture by German troops of the great stronghold

six Russian generals and \$5,000 men were captured by General von Beseler's troops when the fortress surrendered. More than 700 guns were also taken. The reduction of Novo Georgievak is another victory for the famous 42-centimeter guns of the Germans. The destruction of Russia's mightiest fortress within tess then two weeks shows that no fort

The attacks against the fortress began about the same time that Warsaw fell. On August 7 the German War Office announced that the slege forts of Siegre, at Novo Georgievsk, has been taken On the following day it was announced " at the fortress had been cut off on the e st-ern side, between the Vistuin and Narew

TWELVE DAYS' SIEGE.

The German general staff accompanied Emperor William to Novo Georgievsk to watch the closing act of the military

drama enacted there,
With the capture of Novo Georgievak

sudden sortie. KAISER ON SCENE. Nove Georgievsk was captured under the eyes of Emperor William himself, he having arrived there while the German troops were making their attacks. Novo Georgievsk was defended by 24

tions. It was attacked from the air al-most daily during the siege. On August 13 strong outposts northeast

at Novo Georgievsk were taken, together

NURSE SACRIFICES LIFE

a Martyr to Duty

woman went from door to door of little streets in a congested district do wntown. She could not find the "charity case" she had gone to nurse. She had no umbrella. She was two hours inding the small home where, in soaking wet clothing, she sat down to a night's hard work over a woman seriously ill. She saved the woman's life, but today, as a result of that night's work, the nurse died.

Miss Mary Eva Waldelich, daughter of Sheriff Waldelich of Allentown, Pa., was the nurse. After graduating from the Allentown Hospital she entered the Women's Medical College in this city. One cold night there came a measage that a former patient at the hospital had had a relapse. Miss Waldelich knew about the case. She was sent out, with the address on a piece of paper. It was the wrong address.

Instead of going back to the hospital to get the right address, she thought she could save valuable time by asking neighbors where the sick woman lived. It began to rain, but still Miss Waldelich pledded on. The exposure resulted in a severe cold, and tuperculosis, which set in later, made her a helpiess invalid.

Hotel Strand and Haddon

Shops Between Pennsylvania

By a Staff Correspondent

men effected hair-breadth escapes by sliding down ropes from a second-story window of a cafe. window of a care.

Smoke was first seen at 12:20 issuing from the Porto Rico shop, at 1350 Boardwalk. The Boardwalk was thronged with its usual sightseers, and instantly a crowd of 29,000 persons pressed around the place, being held back with difficulty by the noice. The Strand is the head-

From the Porto Rico Shop the fire

almost overcoming the firemen.

Properties in which the fire started are

which are destroyed.

The fire started in the kitchen of the Quaker lnn, a small restaurant in the rear of the Pennsylvania avenue end of the two-story section of frame buildings known as the Steeplechase Pier Block,

rease exploded.

A negro tried to extinguish the flames

U. S. TOLD OFFICIALLY Allied Governments to Stand Behind

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20 .- "The allied Governments have agreed in principle that cotton is contraband of war. The exact date when this announcement shall be made is still under consideration as

BRIDE ATTEMPTS SUICIDE