

U. S. REPLY ON COALITION WILL REJECT BRITISH EMBARGO CONTENTION Ban Recently Put on Staple Necessitates Recasting Note Answering London Order in Council

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—Cotton growers and shippers openly declare that Great Britain has added insult to injury, by applying the doctrine of the "burden of proof" to the cotton shipper when a cargo is seized, under the new contraband ruling.

Despite the claim of the United States that it is an unalterable principle of international law that the burden of proof should be on the enemy in the event of a seizure, the British Foreign Office has decided that such a principle can apply to cotton or other American goods in the event of a seizure.

Although officials are convinced that England will not back down, many declare that the ground work will be laid for forcing the Allies, when the war ends, to pay all damages sustained by American exporters as a result of the illegal act that has followed each other in rapid succession ever since the original order in council against German trade was issued.

It already is certain that the cotton interests of the South intend demanding relief when Congress meets. With Senator Hoke Smith as their spokesman, it is admitted they will be able to make things intensely interesting for the Administration, should its efforts to obtain relief through diplomatic sources fail, as now seems certain.

ELLIS WARD TO SEEK PENN ROWING COACH BERTH, LATEST NEWS Former Tutor of Quaker Oarsmen Changes Mind and Will Put Up a Fight to Land His Old Position

University of Pennsylvania men were almost dumfounded today to learn from a signed statement by Ellis Ward, who for the greater part of the year has been the Quaker rowing coach, that he is a candidate for his old position to succeed "Brian Nickalls, who has come home to join the Quaker crew."

Ward's statement of his new decision is as follows: "Heretofore I had let it be known that I would not consider an offer to coach the Penn rowers, but I have reconsidered it and I am a candidate for the position. I am taking the step of my own initiative as a vindication of the 'Ward system,' which, it will be remembered, has won almost all the races won by the Penn crews."

While no members of the College Boat Club or the University Rowing Committee would talk for publication, it is also positive that Ward will not be the new coach. Two years ago the Athletic Association declined to reappoint him, and those Nickalls, who is now coaching the Penn rowers, the undergraduate daily newspaper, conducted a campaign against the re-employment of Ward on the ground that the students had lost confidence in him and that two members of the present Board of Directors of the Athletic Association were elected on a platform of opposition to Ward.

As things now stand the members of the board of directors of the Athletic Association almost to a man are opposed to Ward. In the College Boat Club, which controls the rowing team, there are a good many men who supported Ward two years ago and who feel that he is still available. But the fact is that the influential members of the board have already dismissed Ward from consideration, and unless something unexpected develops, will not support him under any circumstances.

The College Boat Club has appointed a committee to confer with the Rowing Committee of the University Athletic Association, and it is believed that the two committees will get together on the situation shortly. It is understood that the candidates and agree on some individual. The committee of the College Boat Club is composed of the following: Frederick F. Halliwell, '15, C. chairman; George Sergeant, '15, C. secretary; H. M. Hinds, '15, C.; and Louis T. Shoemaker, '15, C., secretary.

HER DEATH STILL A MYSTERY Richly Clad Woman Probably Leaped From Observation Car No solution of the death mystery of the woman whose body was found on the tracks of the Pennsylvania Railroad near North Eddystone, Pa., was reached today by the railroad investigators after 12 hours' work. It is believed that she fell or threw herself from the observation platform of a through express train some time last night.

THE WAR A YEAR AGO TODAY Germans defeat Roussels in sharp battle at Verdun. East Prussia captured. Russian spread on broad front over East Prussia and Galicia and repulse Austrians at Kielce. British lose 2000 men in retreat from Mons. French evacuate Mauthausen. A battle is now in progress from Manbeuge, France, to the Doune, in the central Vosges. Serbians occupy Sabatz, near Belgrade, clearing Serbian territory of Austro-Hungarian troops. German steamship Elisabeth sunk. Germans blow up bridges to halt Japanese invasion of Kiao-chau. German U-boat Herick makes arrangements for American in Sweden. Belgian refugees rush to Holland. Second Canadian army starts mobilization. Hirschler appeals for men; probability of three years' war discussed.

FRENCH AIRMEN RAID LORRACH, IN BADEN; BATTLE AT SOUCHEZ

German Grand Duchy Bombarded by Aeroplane; No Report on Damage—Artillery Duels in Artois PARIS, Aug. 25.—Violent artillery duels were fought by the French and Germans at various points on the front last night. Conflicts were also waged with grenades and bombs, but the communique issued this afternoon reported no infantry engagements.

A French aviator bombarded the station at Lorrach, Baden. No information as to the result was given in the communique, which follows: "In the region around Roye and Lesigny there was an artillery duel, which was violent at the time."

U. S. WILL WAIT FOR REPORT FROM BERLIN

Continued from Page One will wait for them if the German official explanation is available before that time. It was said at the State Department today that summaries of all of these affidavits are now in the hands of Secretary Lansing and that all agree that the Arabic was torpedoed without warning and that at no time did any one on board catch sight even of the periscope of the submarine.

Secretary Lansing refused positively today to say whether a disavowal of the sinking of the Arabic would satisfy this Government, unless it was accompanied by the infliction of adequate punishment on the submarine commander he "disregarded instructions." Officials, however, take the view that, inasmuch as Germany voluntarily asked for a suspension of judgment, it will willingly accept as much further as may be necessary to prevent any diplomatic break with this Government.

Administration officials saw hardly a chance today that the Arabic incident will loom up again as a threat against continued friendly relations between the United States and Germany. The plan was recognized that explanations are yet to come—that, technically, the United States is only suspending judgment, and that Germany's account of the incident is not at all convincing. The accidental loss of lives of two American passengers may, in theory, not be satisfactory when it comes.

GERMANS WANT NO WAR WITH U. S., OFFICIAL AVERS

Accuses Enemies of Attempts to Foment Trouble BERLIN, Aug. 25.—"Germany wants no war with the United States," was the emphatic assertion made by a high official of the German Government today. "We are confident that there will be no war," he continued. "The enemies of Germany are doing everything possible to cause difficulty, but we trust to the fairness of the American people to see through these efforts."

PROMINENT IN P. O. S. OF A. CONVENTION AT READING



The State convention of the Patriotic Order Sons of America is now in full swing at Reading. The proceedings will last three days.

P. O. S. OF A. FAVORS ARMY OF 500,000 FOR NATION'S DEFENSE

State Convention Discusses Question of Preparedness and Suggests Means of Assuring It DELEGATES VISIT SHOPS READING, Pa., Aug. 25.—The crisis of the United States is now facing, the increasing of the regular army and the perpetuation of the order were among the important topics discussed at today's session of the 25th annual State encampment of the P. O. S. of A. here today. It was the opinion of speakers that the United States should have at least a standing army of 500,000 men, and an increase of from \$15 to \$25 a month was advocated in the pay of soldiers.

The general said he could not comment on the European war in any detail, as that would be unneutral. He did say, however, that trench warfare has indicated that rifle fire is almost useless and that more artillery is necessary.

A plan to increase the army is now being worked out by the Secretary of War and his advisers, according to General Crozier. This will be submitted to Congress at next session. The plan will involve many changes in both the regular army and the State militia, but General Crozier declined to discuss these in detail.

CROOKS BORROW PURSE TO PERFORM A TRICK

Scheme Was to Beat Man Out of \$50 That He Refused to Spend for Mining Stock Samuel Yorter, 256 Richmond street, exchanged \$50 for his initiation into the ranks of the Philadelphia Mining Club. He was told that he would have to spend the money for mining stock, but he refused to do so.

PEIRCE SCHOOL RECEIVES

Business College Celebrates Establishment in New Pine Street Home A "house warming" was held today at the new home of the Peirce School, 1429 Pine street, with several hundred students, alumni and friends in attendance.

MUNITION ESTIMATES TOO LOW, SAYS CROZIER

Ordnance Chief, Inspecting Frankford Arsenal, Tells of Army Needs Three or four times more ammunition will be required for each field gun in the United States Army than was thought necessary by ordnance experts prior to the European war, in the opinion of General William Crozier, Chief of Ordnance, United States Army. General Crozier, who is inspecting the Frankford Arsenal, accompanied by Mrs. Crozier, for his annual inspection of the Frankford Arsenal, should be supported better by the government in view of the fact that it is the only arsenal in the country making ammunition for field guns.

VILLA TURNS ON Foe; WINS DECISIVE FIGHT; 1000 OF ENEMY SLAIN

Ten Thousand Conventioneer Troops Hurling on Obregon Army at Monterey—Wounded Fill Hospitals CARRANZA TROOPS FLEE EL PASO, Tex., Aug. 25.—Villa forces, numbering nearly 10,000, have inflicted a decisive defeat on the Carranzistas around Monterey, driving them from Villa Garcia back to the Nuevo Leon capital, advices today said.

RUSSIA EMBOLDENED SERVA, GERMAN PAPER SAYS

"Documents" Allege Nation Was Sure of Czar's Support BERLIN, Aug. 25.—The Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung has published further extracts from secret documents found by the Germans on taking possession of Brussels. The latest instalment deals with the period of the Balkan wars. The Overseas News Agency, in a summary, says: "Concerning Russia's policy, the Belgian Minister to Berlin (Baron Beyens), in a letter written on October 24, 1912, repeats statements made by Jules Cambon, then French Ambassador at Berlin, writing as follows: "The French Ambassador, who apparently has special reasons for speaking as he does, told me repeatedly that the greatest danger to the maintenance of European peace was the conduct of discipline and the personal conduct of Russian diplomats in foreign countries."

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NO TRACE OF MISSING MAN

Employees of F. Roe Searing Preparing to Wind Up His Business No trace has been found of F. Roe Searing, builder and contractor, who disappeared several days ago. Relatives believe he was drowned while bathing at Atlantic City, but a search for his body in the surf was futile.

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GERMAN HOSTS PIERCE BREST LITOVSK LINE

Continued from Page One carried out and the supplies in the fortress transported to safety. Kovel is a railway centre of importance lying 65 miles southeast of Brest Litovsk. Two great rail systems pass through the city, one running from Odessa to Petrograd; the other leading from Warsaw to Kiev. There is a short line running southward to Vladimir Volinsk, which town is also in possession of the Austro-German forces.

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Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes German Casualties (Estimated to June 30) and Total killed, missing or missing since June 10.

SERVIAN CABINET IN SECRET SESSION ON BULGAR TERMS

Allies Are Confident Nish Will Accede to Sofia's Demands, Thus Renewing Balkan League LONDON, Aug. 25.—Everything in the Balkans now hinges, apparently, on the decision of the Serbian Parliament, now in secret session at Nish, in the matter of concessions to Bulgaria in Macedonia. The general atmosphere here is one of confidence that the allied diplomats have succeeded in bringing the matter to a successful issue and that Serbia will accede to the counsels of her greater allies.

KING PETER PRESIDING

There is a general feeling that the decision may be much more conflictingly left to Serbia, where the disturbing counsel of Germany and Austria have no chance to be heard, than to the still neutral Balkan powers, and it is believed that in securing from Bulgaria a statement of terms which the allied diplomats already have won their victory.

WILSON WAR FUND

At an open mass-meeting in Farmers' Market Hall, 1724 Columbia avenue, last night, nearly \$500 was raised to carry the meeting to the court house. The meeting was the first held by Jitney owners, of which nearly 200, including several women, were present, at which there was complete co-operation. Personal and political remarks were laid aside, and the grim determination of the men to make one last effort to raise the funds at times almost bordered on tragedy.

STATE PLANS INSPECTION TO PROTECT FISH IN STREAMS

Watersheds Will Be Studied to Prevent Pollution HARRISBURG, Aug. 25.—Plans for systematic inspection of the watersheds of the State, with a view to stopping the pollution of streams with matter injurious to fish life, were announced by the State Department of Fisheries today. The whole State has been mapped out and each watershed will be covered by the inspectors.

N. Y. VOTER'S LITERACY TEST ADVANCED TO THIRD READING

After Stormy Debate Constitutional Convention Again Favors Young Measure ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 25.—After the stormy debate of its session, the Constitutional Convention here today advanced to third reading the Young Literacy test amendment. It provides that after January 1, 1918, first voters shall read and write the English language. The advancement was made by a 73 to 61 vote, after two unsuccessful attempts to kill the proposal by striking out the enacting clause.

JITNEYMEN'S LAWYER FIGHTS ON NEW LINES TO DEFEAT ORDINANCE

Doyle, Representing Owners, Confers With City Solicitor Ryan—Money Raised to Carry on Battle PHILADELPHIA Jitneymen are jubilant today in anticipation of action to be taken in the courts which they believe will restore their cars to the streets within the next few days.

Michael Francis Doyle, attorney for the joint committee of the Philadelphia Jitney Association and the South Philadelphia Jitney Owners' Association, is busy engaged today preparing for a new legal fight. He met representatives of the joint committee shortly before noon and went over the situation thoroughly.

Later he made arrangements for a conference with City Solicitor Michael J. Ryan this afternoon, in order that he may understand thoroughly what Mr. Ryan believes that the new jitney ordinance requires. Following this conference Mr. Doyle will outline his plans for court action.

The Joint Committee in charge of the fight is composed of John F. Lieb, Jr., Thomas MacFarland, Harry Russell, H. R. Rodes and H. C. Oate, of the Philadelphia Jitney Owners' Association, and M. J. Ryan, John E. Burt, William J. Kelly and William Alexander, of the South Philadelphia Jitney Owners' Association. The presidents of the respective associations are William McGill and John Tallman, are ex-officio members of the committee.

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Speakers for employees of the Philadelphia Navy Yard, awarded one or two business men urged a union of the Jitney forces for the benefit of their patrons as well as for themselves.

When the time came for making contributions, one after another they stepped up to the treasurer and deposited their mites. When the men heeded the "widow's mite" was presented by Mrs. Annie Rowan, of 1335 Pine street, and a concert of the Jitney owners' choir.

The "Chairman," shouted one man from the floor. "I invested my all in a car. Tonight I gave the last \$2 I had to my wife—all that stands between us and starvation. I can't contribute any more. If you will take my name I will raise my \$5 toward the cause if I have to pass the only suit of clothes I own and bring it to your committee tomorrow."

One man contributed \$20 and it was announced that a business man "knows to every man, woman and child in the city of Philadelphia" had written a letter to the chairman of the joint committee pledging \$100 toward the fight, providing the committee would not announce his name.

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Advertisement for Ray Ziegler's 'Man-Hunters' magazine, featuring illustrations of a man and a dog.