

COMMUNIPAW NOW REPORTED SAFE IN PORT

American Tankship At- tacked, but Escapes—Now at Alexandria, Egypt

ARRIVED THERE SUNDAY

Attack on Petrolite, Sister Ship,
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LONDON, Dec. 8.—The American steamship *Communi-paw* is now reported to have been bombarded by an Austrian submarine near Tobruk, but to have escaped without injury to any members of her crew, according to a dispatch from Rome.

Other dispatches, stating that the *Communi-paw* had been sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean, were flatly contradicted this afternoon by reports that the vessel had reached Alexandria, Egypt. The Central News Agency gave out the following announcement:

"We are officially informed that the *Communi-paw* has arrived at Alexandria."

Marine agents in London stated that as the *Communi-paw* arrived at Alexandria on Sunday it would be impossible for the vessel to discharge its cargo and reach the vicinity of Tobruk, Tripoli, by Tuesday, the day when it was reported to have been sunk, even by sailing at full speed.

Tobruk is about 200 miles west-north-west of Alexandria. The usual route followed by ships westward, bound from Alexandria, runs about 60 miles from Tobruk.

U. S. WILL SEND PROTEST ON PETROLITE ATTACK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Announcement was made at the White House today that President Wilson has ordered an immediate and thorough investigation of the attack on the American steamship *Petrolite* by a submarine flying the Austrian flag. It had been planned to include the reported attack on the *Communi-paw* in the investigation, until it was reported that vessel is safe.

Ambassador Page, at Rome, cabled the State Department today that a vessel, believed to be the American steamer *Communi-paw*, had been torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean. Officials did not attach importance to the dispatch, in view of the later press reports today that the vessel is safe. It was thought Ambassador Page's cable was filed yesterday.

It was made plain that the President is determined to act immediately in the case of the *Petrolite*. A vigorous note will be sent to Austria demanding disclosure of the act, with a pledge that no more American vessels will be attacked and a promise of full reparation for the loss of American property.

Foreign officials indicated that the proposed note to Austria will be a long document, covering the attack on the *Ancona* and setting forth in full the Government's position in regard to submarine warfare. It was stated that the note which this Government sent to Germany on the Lusitania case and other submarine attacks are regarded as all-out Government notes. This Government does not take the stand that Austria has official knowledge of the position of the United States as a result of the notes to Germany.

It was indicated that a disclaimer by Austria with reparation for the loss of American lives will satisfy this Government. In the event that any more American vessels are attacked, however, or any American lives lost in unwarranted attacks on liners it was made plain that serious consequences would follow.

No official advice on the attack on the *Petrolite* was received up to noon today. Both Navy and State Department officials expressed relief when it was reported that the *Communi-paw* is safe. The reported attack on the vessel, following so closely after the shelling of the *Petrolite*, has caused the belief that possibly Austria was inaugurating a submarine warfare on all vessels carrying supplies that might reach the Allies.

THE WEATHER

The last time it wouldn't stick, that was not altogether the fault of the snow. For there is so much heat in the city payments from the heaters in cellars and the breaths of pedestrians, that the white flakes have little chance unless they are extra dry, and often the snow's an inch thick in the country when it has no more than the effect of rain in the city. Some-thing today it looked more hopeful, though the first flakes flattened out into water as soon as they hit. But there was a certain lately persistent quality to the falling snow that looked like business when it once got started.

"Was" you notice that we say, for it is a brave man who will talk in the present tense about the weather.

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Snow or rain this afternoon and probably tonight, followed by generally fair Thursday; not much change in temperature; fresh to strong south-west winds.

LOST AND FOUND

Certificate of Membership No. 1088 in the Commercial Exchange of Philadelphia, of the name of George J. Rosch, having been lost, notice is hereby given that the same has been made for a new certificate.

GEORGE J. ROSCH
PROPRIETOR ROSCH PACKING CO.
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WHEEL DRUMS—Lost, November 18, title deeds in certificates, Somerset, et. in envelope of G. Caldwell & Co., Real Estate Brokers, 4th and Walnut sts. Reward if returned to them.

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WARRANT—Lost, small handbag, on train between Philadelphia and River St. Station, between Market and River St. City Hall. Reward if returned to me.

MONY—Lost, Saturday afternoon, on 5th st. between Market and River St. City Hall. Reward if returned to me.

DEEDS—Lost, Dec. 1st, 1915, 1st. 2nd. 3rd. 4th. 5th. 6th. 7th. 8th. 9th. 10th. 11th. 12th. 13th. 14th. 15th. 16th. 17th. 18th. 19th. 20th. 21st. 22nd. 23rd. 24th. 25th. 26th. 27th. 28th. 29th. 30th. 31st. 1st. 2nd. 3rd. 4th. 5th. 6th. 7th. 8th. 9th. 10th. 11th. 12th. 13th. 14th. 15th. 16th. 17th. 18th. 19th. 20th. 21st. 22nd. 23rd. 24th. 25th. 26th. 27th. 28th. 29th. 30th. 31st.

SNOW FLURRIES WRAP CITY IN GUSTY SWIRLS



For the second time this season a snowfall that approached the dimensions of a storm visited the city today. The picture shows pedestrians facing the swirls on the south side of City Hall.

KAISER'S VIEWS ON PEACE TO BE TOLD REICHSTAG

Chancellor Will Act as Imperial Spokesman When Socialists Interpellate

CONFERS WITH WAR LORD

BERLIN, Dec. 8.—Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's statement on Germany's attitude as regards peace was shown in Berlin today. The Chancellor will deliver a speech, then Deputy Scheidemann, spokesman of the Socialist representation in the Reichstag, will explain the Socialist interpellation about the peace terms. Thereupon the Chancellor is expected to reply.

According to various journals the selection of Herr Scheidemann as spokesman of the Socialist faction in its interpellation is regarded as a significant move. Vorwarts, the moderate Socialist organ, comments on the fact that the Berliner Tageblatt in its only journal which expressed approval of the Socialist interpellation. In view of the Tageblatt's close connection with Government circles this is regarded as significant.

Vorwarts quotes the following from the Berliner Neueste Nachrichten:

"We were always of the opinion that if silence is to be preserved as to the details of our war aims the Chancellor should do nothing more than announce his belief in a long duration of the war and in the necessity of obtaining, by a peace which will come at some later date, a careful and real guarantee for Germany."

TEST CANDY POWDER SENT TO FARMER

Chestnut Hill Resident Believes Sweets Were Intended to Poison His Family

A mysterious powder was discovered today sprinkled on candy in a box which was found on the doorstep of Clinton Hinckman, a wealthy farmer, living on the Cameron estate, at Cold Point, near Chestnut Hill.

Chemical tests are being made in this city to determine whether poison is contained in the candy, which Hinckman believes was placed on his porch by an enemy who wishes to kill him and his family.

The box of candy was left at the Hinckman home last Sunday night, and is the third box found in similar circumstances. Mr. Hinckman's wife, two sons and two daughters, Bolina and Viola, aged 13 and 15 years, respectively, live with him on the farm.

William S. Dickerson, a detective of Plymouth Township, who has been engaged to work on the case, asserts that if the candy is found to contain poison or harmful drugs, arrests will follow.

It is understood that the detective at first worked on the theory that the wreckage of a dozen cans of an extra cashboned freight on the Lehigh Valley Railroad at Cementon, seven miles north, this morning. The cars were loaded with wheat, flour and oats for the Allies. Three of the four trucks were blocked. The loss may reach a hundred thousand dollars.

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MOORE HEADS DELEGATION

Congressman Will Voice Philadelphia's Plea for National Convention

Congressman J. Hampton Moore will head the delegation that will go to Washington next week to urge the members of the Republican National Committee to give the 1916 convention to Philadelphia.

Charles J. Cohen, president of the Chamber of Commerce, announced today that Mr. Moore had been selected as chairman of the Philadelphia Republican Committee, and that 28 members have been appointed to represent this city's claims to the members of the National Committee.

BOY SCOUTS OF CITY OFFER TO MOBILIZE TO HUNT KIDNAPPED BOY

Family of Richard Meekins De- clides Not to Offer Ransom After All-Night Conference

EXPECT ANOTHER LETTER

The Boy Scouts of Philadelphia will be mobilized for action, to assist in the search for 8-year-old Richard Meekins, of 2449 South 61st street, who was kidnapped last Monday a week while playing near his home, if Director Drripps deems this advisable.

Walter S. Coving, scout executive, said today that if Director Drripps thought the scouts could be of any service they would gladly help hunt through the marshes and meadows in the vicinity of Darby, but that their services would not be offered unless the Director requested them.

About 1300 children in the Thomas G. Morton Public School, at 62d and Elmwood avenue, are taking an interest in the hunt for the boy. All of the teachers have instructed the children in their classes to be on the lookout for the lad. Byron A. Phillips, supervising principal of the school, said today that he knew the Meekins boy, who attended only the morning session. He said he was "a model boy," obedient and in good standing, and had never given his teachers any trouble.

Walter Wray, 8 years old, of 962 Elmwood avenue, a playmate of Richard Meekins, also attends the school. The twelve-year-old boy, who has been playing together on a sand pile at 61st street and Elmwood avenue on the afternoon Meekins disappeared, the child said, however, that he became tired of playing and left his chum alone near a tool box.

Members of Detectives Wood, at the rollout today, instructed the detectives to be on the lookout for the boy, whether officially assigned to the case or not, and to go out of their way, if necessary, should a tangible clue be revealed.

No ransom will be paid for the return of Richard Meekins.

This was positively decided upon by members of the Meekins family today after an all-night conference, in which detectives assigned on the case participated.

The kidnapper of the Meekins boy and his present custodian, Lieutenant Marple, of the 5th street and Woodland avenue station, believes, is the man who is the author of the letter written in red ink and which reached the Meekins family yesterday. This letter was posted

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ROOSEVELT'S "LOGOTHETE" STARTS RUSH TO DICTIONARY

Comment on Wilson's Mexican Policy Stirs Politicians

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Washington politicians today searched dictionaries and encyclopedias to find what Colonel Roosevelt meant when he called President Wilson's comments on the Mexican policy the "location of a Byzantine logothete." In one dictionary they found a logothete is "an auditor of accounts in the Byzantine Empire; treasurer; head of department; chancellor of the Patriarch of Constantinople in the Greek Church."

The politicians also discovered from their search that the "people of Byzantium in war trembled at the sound of a trumpet."

NEW CAMDEN LIBRARY, TO COST \$130,000, TO RISE IN COOPER PARK

Eldredge Johnson Offers Mayor Ellis Building, Books and Equipment

PROMISES ENDOWMENT

Mayor Ellis, of Camden, received a letter today from Eldredge Johnson, in which the president of the Victor Talking Machine Company offered to build for the city in Cooper Park a library to cost \$130,000, to equip it with books and to provide an endowment fund for purchases of books in the future.

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London Stocks Show Trend Toward the End of the War

The confident undertone of the London Stock Exchange must be ascribed to the belief held by many prominent members that the end of the war on satisfactory terms may be approaching, says Francis W. Hirst, editor of the London Economist.

The improvement of American exchange gives satisfaction in London, as does the strength of the American markets.

The idea of a compulsory loan for all income taxpayers is gaining ground, says Mr. Hirst, in an article on English finances, sent by special cable to the Evening Ledger and published exclusively on page 15 of this issue.

SNOW PRESAGES RAIN

It Is of the Moist Sort and Weather Man Discourages Small Boy

Snow—not the light, flaky kind, but slippy, wet, dab-began falling from an overcast sky at 9 o'clock this morning. It gave no joy to the small boy, for nobody dreams that it will stick. Even the weather man was pessimistic about it, for he knows that the signs, which are correct about three times out of four, point to rain. Yes, the beautiful snow will turn to dreary rain, probably before night. The temperature remains steady around 31 degrees.

Heavy light south-west winds, snow is falling in Scranton, New York State, New England, and over the lake region generally.

FORD'S PEACE SEEKERS SPLIT INTO TWO CAMPS BY WILSON'S MESSAGE

Delegates Aboard the Oscar II Hold a Mass-Meeting and Discuss What Should Be Their Attitude

PREPAREDNESS SCORED

ABOARD THE PEACE SHIP OSCAR II, via wireless to Cape Race, N. F., Dec. 8.—Members of the peace expedition, headed by Henry Ford, are divided into two camps today. One camp supports President Wilson's attitude with reference to preparedness, as set forth in his message to Congress. The other camp is opposed to preparedness.

The "anti" are led by Ellis O. Jones, editorial writer for a humorous publication, who declared today that he had the support of most of his fellow voyagers. Ford took the floor as soon as S. S. McClure read extracts from the President's message following an opening address by the Rev. Charles E. Aked, pastor of the First Congregational Church of San Francisco.

"I certainly believe that this message should be received in silence by this assembly. It is a reactionary message," said Jones. "It comes to us at a time when we cannot keep silent."

"We are going abroad now on a mission to stop a terrible war among nations, every one of which is prepared in a military way for war. This is no time to disturb American traditions and prepare us for war."

"America is in danger, says the President, but he doesn't say what she is in danger of."

"The President does not mention a single nation that he dares to say is an enemy of the United States."

DANGER IS AT HOME.

"The United States is in danger from within and unarmament citizens are not the source of the danger. They are unarmament citizens, who are building battleships at tremendous cost; men who are trying now to add to the burden of taxation and to mortgage posterity for years to come to furnish this dreadful military burden upon us."

Applause interrupted the speaker when he said:

"It may be true that every mollycoddle is a pacifist, but it is not true that every pacifist is a mollycoddle, and this we are going to show President Wilson and the armament trusts before we are through."

"It is not true, perhaps, that every one in the United States who favors preparedness is a graffer, but nothing can be truer than that every graffer in the United States is in favor of preparedness."

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LONDON, Dec. 8.—The British steamship Commodore was sunk yesterday morning by a submarine. The cook perished, but all other members of the crew were saved.

Shipping records state that the Commodore was at Liverpool on April 3. As its movements since that time are not given, it probably was employed in Government service, and is presumed to have been sunk in the Mediterranean. The Commodore displaced 2558 tons and was owned by the Harrison Line.

QUICK NEWS

BOY-ED AND VON PAPAN TO LEAVE U. S. NEXT TUESDAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Captain Boy-Ed and Captain von Papan, the German Embassy attaches, will leave New York next Tuesday in response to the demand for their recall, according to a report reaching the Federal Building here this afternoon.

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GERMANS REPLACE BULGARS ON GREEK BORDER

LONDON, Dec. 8.—To prevent possible misunderstanding between Bulgarian and Greek troops along the Serbo-Greek frontier, German troops are replacing the Bulgars near Monastir, according to Athens dispatches today.

MONTENEGRO WISHES SEPARATE PEACE

BERLIN, Dec. 8.—King Nicholas of Montenegro has suggested to the Entente Ambassadors that Montenegro be allowed to conclude a separate peace because she is exhausted, according to reports published in the Frankfurter Zeitung today.

The Ambassadors have replied that if Montenegro moves for a separate peace they will break off diplomatic relations and withdraw all assistance hitherto given Montenegro, the newspaper asserted.

VILLISTAS AND CARRANZISTAS FIGHTING AGAIN

DOUGLAS, ARIZ., Dec. 8.—A battle that began between Carranza forces and Villa troops under General Jose Rodriguez is in progress near Esquedo, Sonora, according to official reports received at Agua Prieta. General Obregon's army made a forced march from Fronteras last night and attacked the Rodriguez forces at dawn today as the latter were preparing to leave Sonora for western Chihuahua.

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AMSTERDAM, Dec. 8.—According to the Echo de Belge, Fort Cognella, one of the defenses of Namur, was destroyed by an explosion of its magazine Monday and 80 German soldiers killed.

AEROPLANES ATTACK HOSPITALS, SAY BELGIANS

HAYRE, France, Dec. 8.—Hospitals behind the Belgian front conducted by Queen Elizabeth have been attacked five times by German aviators, according to information reaching the Belgian Government today. In air raids last week German bombs killed 103 soldiers, but the Queen refuses to leave her post.

SCHULENBERG DECLARES BELGIUM WILL BE HELD

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 8.—Count Schulenberg indicated to citizens of Liege at a public gathering that Germany has no intention of relinquishing Belgium, according to advices received here today. He drove the first nail into a wooden statue of General von Emmich, conqueror of Belgium, which was erected in the court of honor in the Palace of Justice.

"What von Emmich has conquered we will hold," Count Schulenberg was quoted as saying.

HARDEN DEPLORES ANTI-AMERICAN AGITATION

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 8.—German attacks against the United States are deplored by Maximilian Harden, famous editor of the Zukunft. He referred to those who took part in a recent anti-American mass-meeting as a pack of scoundrels, and declared that their actions disgust every right-thinking German and disgraces Germany before the world.

ALLIES AGAIN TAKE OFFENSIVE ON GALLI POLI

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The Allies on the Gallipoli Peninsula have again taken the offensive, according to reports from Turkish sources.

BELGIAN NEED DECLARED GREATER THAN EVER

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The following statement has been issued in behalf of the Commission for Relief in Belgium: "An erroneous impression to the effect that there is no further need for the benevolent relief for Belgium seems to have gained currency. On the contrary the need in Belgium as the severe winter is approaching is greater than ever. We are now concentrating, with the magnificent co-operation of our State Committees throughout the country, all of our efforts on the collection of clothing, piece goods and shoes, so that the sufferings of the unfortunate victims of war in Belgium and northern France may be mitigated so far as possible by the generosity of the American public, which has already responded so liberally as to win the admiration of the world."

PARIS OPERA TO REOPEN TOMORROW

PARIS, Dec. 8.—The reopening of the Academie Nationale de Musique et de Declamation, better known all the world over as "The Opera," is scheduled for tomorrow. This is an event of especial significance. Since the end of the Messager-Broussan regime, shortly before the outbreak of the war, Paris has had no opera. The Academy of Music has been an academy of silence. Its reawakening, therefore, is a sign that conditions of life in Paris are becoming, if not normal, at any rate a little less abnormal. The entire receipts of the performance will be contributed to the Belgian Red Cross Society. The performance will be under the patronage of King Albert and Queen Elizabeth, who will be represented officially.

DERBY REFUSES TIME EXTENSION

LONDON, Dec. 8.—Fearing for the success of the Earl of Derby's voluntary enlistment scheme, the Liberal newspapers are advocating an extension of the time limit for the scheme until the end of December, instead of to December 11, as had already been fixed. Lord Derby, however, announces that there will be no extension of the time, and that, "for good or ill," he will on Saturday present to the Government his report as a basis for future action.

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ONE LOST WHEN U-BOAT SINKS BRITISH SHIP

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The British steamship Commodore was sunk yesterday morning by a submarine. The cook perished, but all other members of the crew were saved.

Shipping records state that the Commodore was at Liverpool on April 3. As its movements since that time are not given, it probably was employed in Government service, and is presumed to have been sunk in the Mediterranean. The Commodore displaced 2558 tons and was owned by the Harrison Line.