

TEUTONS BUILD GREAT PLANES TO CONTROL AIR

Thirty Giant Fokkers Added Each Week to German Aerial Fleet

PROTECTED BY ARMOR New Types Replace Raiders on West Front; Old Ones Sent to East

LONDON, Feb. 17.—England had an opportunity in 1913 to secure the Fokker aeroplane which Germany is now using with conspicuous success, but rejected it.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 17.—Germany is increasing her air fleet at the rate of 30 aeroplanes a week.

AVIATORS RUMENI SU TERRITORIO BULGARU

Un telegramma da Bucarest dice che 10,000 soldati bulgari e tedeschi sono concentrati sulla frontiera della Rumania.

THE WEATHER Already there are hints of the great revival coming.

LOST AND FOUND

IS TORPEDO DESTROYER BOAT THAT DESTROYS TORPEDOES?

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Despite the fact that hearings on the naval bill have been held almost daily for two months and he has attended virtually all of them, Representative John J. Connelly, of Kansas, recognized as one of the anti-torpedo members of the Naval Affairs Committee, today asked Rear Admiral Albert W. Grant, "Is a torpedo destroyer a boat that destroys torpedoes?"

KILLED HANDLING WEAPON Man Accidentally Shot—Dies on Way to Hospital

A gunner for whom firearms held a peculiar fascination accidentally shot himself while cleaning a revolver this morning at his home, 358 South Broad street.

Strike at Roebbing Plant Grows

TRENTON, Feb. 17.—Employees of the John A. Roebbing's Sons Company in the wire drawing plant at Roebbing, N. J., and at Trenton have quit in sympathy with the strike of stokers at the Trenton plant for increased wages and shorter hours.

ALLEGED COUNTERFEITER AND GIRL ASSISTANT ARRESTED



Louis Cipparona (wearing cap) and Bessie Brown, 18 years old, are shown in charge of detectives after the seizure of counterfeiting apparatus at their rooms, at 239 South 9th street.

LOVELORN 'GOOD SPORT' ENDS HIS LIFE IN HOME OF HIS BENEFACTRESS

"I Would Rather Go Deep Down in the Ground Than Get Married," He Said

Morris Ball, an employe of the Stetson hat factory, committed suicide today in the home of the woman who, 12 years ago, had taken him off the streets, a homeless, penniless, adopted son.

DIVE IN POOL PROVES FATAL TO STUDENT

"Tom" England Dies in Bryn Mawr Hospital After Brave Fight With Paralysis

Try to Save Boy Who Fell Off Roof

CONVENTION HALL AND FREE LIBRARY BILLS ARE PASSED

Councils' Approval of Measures Gives Mayor Power to Let Contracts

WILL BE ON PARKWAY

Bridge Commission Named to Confer on Structure Over the Delaware River

Councils today passed bills authorizing Mayor Smith to enter into contracts for the construction of a Convention Hall at 21st street and the Parkway and a Free Library at 19th and Vine streets.

NEW GRANDSON FOR SUNDAY

"Billy" Makes Wires Hum When He Arrives in West Philadelphia

Prohibits Exportation of Wood Pulp

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Denmark's State Department was advised today, has prohibited the exportation of wood pulp and heavy paper.

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HOPE FOR SETTLEMENT OF MINE CONTROVERSY

Operators of Three States Yield, With Western Pennsylvania Holding Out

MOBILE, Ala., Feb. 17.—With the representatives of coal operators in the three States believed to have accepted the mine run demands of the United Mine Workers, the miners are hopeful today they can force the western Pennsylvania contingent to a settlement before adjournment.

BERLIN DEMANDS LINERS MUST NOT ATTACK U-BOATS

Bernstorff Tells Lansing Passengers' Safety Depends Upon British

HOLD LONG CONFERENCE

Settlement of Lusitania Case Depends Upon Outcome of New Controversy

Latest Developments in Submarine Dispute

UNITED STATES — Requests written pledge from Germany through Ambassador von Bernstorff that the Teutonic Allies agree not to torpedo passenger liners whether armed or unarmed without the Ambassador's whole question of submarine warfare again is under consideration and that it is the future and not the past with which the United States is concerned.

GERMANY — Ambassador von Bernstorff said Germany could not make such a pledge unless Great Britain and her Allies in return pledged that the Admiralty orders to British and French merchantmen to ram and resist submarines shall not operate in the case of their passenger liners whether armed or unarmed.

WHAT BOTH GOVERNMENTS ARE DOING — United States considering whether it can secure the pledges asked; Ambassador von Bernstorff referring entire matter to Berlin for its decision.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Great Britain must give pledges that passenger liners will not fire on submarines before Germany will instruct its commanders not to fire on such vessels without warning.

This became known today following a 20-minute informal discussion of the new submarine issues by Ambassador Lansing and Ambassador von Bernstorff.

It was learned on high authority that the United States and Germany are in complete accord regarding the Lusitania controversy, excepting the Government considers the future must be taken care of as well as the past.

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SLAVS CAPTURE 40,000 TURKS IN FALLEN ERZERUM

Remainder of Von der Goltz's Army Flees West in Utter Rout

MANY GUNS IN BOOTY

PETROGRAD, Feb. 17.—More than 40,000 Turkish soldiers and 110 guns were taken by the Russian army of Grand Duke Nicholas when the Ottoman base of Erzerum was captured, according to dispatches received here today from Tiflis.

The remainder of the Turkish army, which was massed at Erzerum as a base, is fleeing westward, it is believed here.

The army consisted of 180,000 men, officered by Germans and commanded by two of the Kaiser's field marshals, von Goltz and Liman von Sanders.

The fortune of the Kaiser's generals is not recorded in latest dispatches.

In addition to their captives the Russians took vast quantities of military supplies which had been gathered at Erzerum by the Turkish soldiers operating in the Caucasus.

Attempts had been made to destroy these supplies, but the Russians attacked with such fierceness and moved so rapidly in their final attack that the Turks were unable to prevent the greater part of the stores falling into the hands of the victorious assailants.

The part of the Ottoman army defending Erzerum which succeeded in escaping fled in such utter rout that the Russians inflicted terrific losses upon the fugitive forces before they were rallied and strengthened by fresh forces that had marched from the west.

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Within the line of forts the Turks, under direction of German officers, had constructed an elaborate system of trenches. There they made their last stand in defense of the city, but from the time that the forts fell, the city was never in doubt.

While a curtain of fire from the Russian guns prevented reinforcements being sent to the troops in the trenches, picked regiments of the Duke's army drove forward.

Unable to retreat, because of the storm of shells falling behind them and overwhelmed by the fierceness of the Russian attack, the Turks fought on in their trenches for two days, but when their ammunition gave out great masses surrendered.

The capture of Erzerum is hailed in Petrograd as one of the greatest victories ever won by Russian troops. The city is celebrating the triumph, while military experts are predicting a rapid advance of Grand Duke Nicholas into the heart of Armenia.

From army headquarters, Emperor

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QUICK NEWS

1100 WEST VIRGINIA MINERS STRIKE

CUMBERLAND, Md., Feb. 17.—Eleven hundred miners in the employ of the David Coal and Coke Company, in the Upper Potomac field, have laid down their tools.

GERMAN AIRMAN ATTACK DVINSK

BERLIN, Feb. 17.—"There has been lively artillery action at the northern end of the eastern front. Our airmen attacked Dvinsk and also the railway at Wilhika," the War Office reported today.

AMBLER'S NOMINATION PAPERS OUT

Charles A. Ambler, the Vore-Brumbaugh candidate for Auditor General, today sent out his nomination petitions. Tomorrow is the first day for signing nomination papers for the primary, and Ambler's paper will be circulated in 11 counties at the start.

\$9,156,608.71 BALANCE IN CITY TREASURY

The weekly statement of City Treasurer McCoach shows that the receipts amounted to \$262,554.53 and the payments to \$785,747.61, which, with the amount on hand last week, not including the sinking fund account, left a balance of \$9,156,608.71 at the close of business last night.

PEACE OVERTURES TO BELGIUM DENIED

LONDON, Feb. 17.—Recent detailed reports that Germany has made peace overtures to Belgium, offering to restore Belgian independence, were officially denied today in the House of Commons by Sir Edward Grey, the British Foreign Minister.

PENNINGTON AND MARSH LOSE FIGHT FOR LIFE

George H. Marsh and Roland S. Pennington, convicted of the murder of S. Lewis Pinkerton in Delaware County on November 7, 1913, were refused a rehearing of their case today by the State Board of Pardons.

WITPENNY ANNOUNCES GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDACY

JERSEY CITY, Feb. 17.—Naval Officer H. Otto Wittpeny formally announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Governor today in a statement in which he pointed out the need of turning the Board of Guardians out of the State House again and discussed some other issues.

FLAMES SWEEP BRIDGEPORT ARMS PLANTS

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Feb. 17.—Two firemen were caught under a falling wall and seriously injured and three main plants of the Farist Steel Company were destroyed by fire early today.

BATTLESHIP PENNSYLVANIA OFF ON TRIAL TRIP

NORFOLK, Feb. 17.—The battleship Pennsylvania, the largest and most powerful sea fighter in the world, went to sea today on her maiden voyage.

GREECE TRANSFERS MILLIONS TO UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The Government of Greece is quietly, but steadily transferring its funds from London to New York.

KHEDIVE ANXIOUS TO QUIT, BERLIN HEARS

BERLIN, Feb. 17.—The Overseas News Agency learns that Prince Hussain has become weary of the throne of Egypt (which is now a British protectorate) and that it has been offered to Prince Yusuf, who refused it.

BODY OF U. S. CONSUL, PERSIA VICTIM, FOUND

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The body of American Consul Robert M. McNeely, of Monroe, N. C., who was lost when the liner Persia was sunk in the Mediterranean, is thought to have been washed ashore near Alexandria.

GERMAN SHIPS IN CANARIES ARMED FOR RAIDS

MOBILE, Ala., Feb. 17.—That 11 German steamships interned in Canary Island ports have been secretly armed for commerce raiding and will make a dash for the open sea is the firm belief of Captain F. E. Maguire, of the American schooner Edgar F. Murdock, who delivered a cargo of 100 tons of coal to German agents in Tenerife, which he saw loaded into the bunkers of the interned German vessels.

GERMANS IN CANADA WARNED AGAINST SEDITION

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 17.—A clear-cut warning to Germans in Canada that acts of treason, disloyalty or sedition will be met by the Government with stern treatment was uttered in Parliament by General Hughes.

FREIGHTER ESCAPES SUBMARINE'S SHELLS

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 17.—Escapes from a German submarine after a hard chase of more than two and one-half hours, with occasional shells falling on her deck, exploding and driving broken pieces of metal into the bodies of the crew, was revealed by officers and men of the Baron Napier, a British tramp steamer of Ardrossan, Scotland.

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