

GERMANS TO SINK ALL SHIPS WITH GUNS, LANSING IS TOLD; NO DELAY IN SUBMARINE WAR

Bernstorff Delivers Reply on Armed Liners. Asserts British Orders Forced Measure.

Berlin Sends Copies of Alleged Orders to English Merchantmen Ordering Them to Attack U-Boats at All Times

Passengers on Unarmed Ships Will Be Safe—Virtually Nullifies Pledges Given in Lusitania Case.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28. Germany today, through Ambassador von Bernstorff, formally notified the United States that there is no such thing as a merchantman armed for defensive purposes.

MAKES POSITION CLEAR. The German Ambassador very frankly told Secretary Lansing that there could be no reason to assume that the promises previously made by Germany.

MINISTER GETS DEATH BLOW IN AUTO CRASH

Rev. Wm. Ettinger, of Quakertown, Struck by Trolley. Dying at Allentown.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Feb. 28.—The Rev. William Ettinger, 40 years old, of Quakertown, is dying at the Allentown Hospital.

THE WEATHER. And ordinarily, with today, this brief frost would not be astronomical conditions over which we have no control.

FORECAST. Fair and continued cold tonight; Tuesday increasing cloudiness and slowly rising temperature.

LOST AND FOUND. A pair of black mittens, with astragalus gold links, was lost on the street.

U-Boats to Sink All Ships Carrying Guns, U. S. Is Told

Germany and Austria stand pat on their declaration that they will sink armed merchant ships without warning.

Count von Bernstorff told Secretary Lansing there was no such thing, in the opinion of Germany, as a "merchant vessel armed for defense."

A similar statement was made on behalf of Austria by Baron Erich Zwiédinek, the Austrian Charge.

The position to be taken by the Administration is carefully guarded by the President and Secretary Lansing, who decline to intimate what their next step will be.

PASSENGER SHIPS TO BE WARNED OF U-BOAT ATTACKS. Lives Not to Be Imperiled if Liners Observe Decree, Correspondent Says.

HOSTILITY WILL BE FATAL. Wholesome Vaccinations De-nounced as Dangerous to Entire City.

ISOLATION IS URGED. The various epidemics of smallpox that have swept over Philadelphia.

CAUSES OF SPREAD. The various epidemics of smallpox that have swept over Philadelphia have been due to defective notification and defective isolation.

VACCINATION ABANDONED. Dr. Cope cited the smallpox legislation of England as a step in the right direction.

EDWIN MOORE SERIOUSLY ILL. Complications Follow Grip in Case of Manufacturer.

Chaplin's Life Insured for \$250,000. NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Charles Chaplin—that funny film fellow—was as solemn as an owl today.

Boy Killed by Trolley Car. Nineteen-year-old Frank Ritter, of 1921 East Moxamouth avenue, was struck by a trolley car at 2d and League streets today.

GRAND DUKE FRIEDRICH FRANZ. Mecklenburg—Schwerin noble, who heads the "Iron Guard of Brandenburg," which took Fort Douaumont at Verdun in a spectacular charge.

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GERMANS BREAK CHAMPAGNE LINE; FRENCH THROW BACK ATTACKS NORTH OF VERDUN

Teutons Take Navarin Farm in New Drive—Gain 1600 Yards of Trenches and 1000 Prisoners. Paris Admits Loss.

Crown Prince Checked in Effort to Capture Village of Douaumont, but Makes Slight Gains Along Meuse—Fort Du Souville Reported Destroyed.

Checked in the drive on Verdun by the arrival of great bodies of French reinforcements, the Germans are now extending their mighty offensive to the Champagne region, 40 miles west of the Verdun woods.

An official statement from the German War Office this afternoon virtually confirmed French statements that the Verdun onslaught has been halted, temporarily at least, by the French.

At the same time, Berlin reported the capture of more than 1600 yards of French trenches and the strongly fortified Navarin farm, the scene of desperate fighting in earlier combats in the Champagne.

Paris this afternoon admitted the loss of trenches in the Champagne, attributing the German gain to a "surprise attack."

For the first time since the Crown Prince launched his great attack against the French fortress, the German War Office this afternoon claimed no important gains in the direction of Verdun.

PARIS, Feb. 28. The French War Office announced this afternoon that the Germans are being held in check at Verdun.

Women and Children Perish as Liner Maloja Goes to Bottom. SINKS OFF DOVER.

169 LIVES LOST WHEN P. AND O. SHIP HITS MINE. One hundred and sixty-nine persons, including many women and children among the 55 passengers, are missing and probably lost in the sinking of the familiar and Oriental line Maloja, according to revised figures.

Reports that Mrs. McLeod, wife of General McLeod, of the British Army, had been lost have been confirmed.

NAVE-OSPEDALE-PERSA DAVANTI A S. GIOVANNI. I Bulgari Hanno Evacuato la Linea da Loro Occupata Verso la Grecia.

Un telegramma da Roma dice che la nave-ospedale Mare Chiara è affondata davanti a San Giovanni di Medua per avere urtato contro una mina.

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BISHOP FATALLY BEATEN. The Rev. Thomas C. Carter, of Chattanooga, Dies From Effects of Assault.

Biting Wind Sweeps City. Temperature Rises, However, With Bright Sunshine.

California Official Dies Suddenly. RIVERSIDE, Cal., Feb. 28.—Lieutenant Governor John Robinson suffered a hemorrhage at the Southern Pacific Club, at Indio, today, death resulting instantly.

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QUICK NEWS

ITALIAN HOSPITAL SHIP SUNK BY MINE. ROME, Feb. 28.—The Italian hospital ship Mare Chiara has been sunk by a mine in the Adriatic Sea off San Giovanni di Medua, Albania.

CREW OF SUBMARINED DENABY SAVED. NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—All the crew of the steamship Denaby, recently sunk by a submarine, were saved, according to a report received today.

NEW HAVEN ORDERS 50 LOCOMOTIVES. NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—An order for 50 Pacific type locomotives has been placed by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad with the American Locomotive Company.

BRITAIN TO LIFT BAN ON DYESTUFFS TO U. S. WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Ambassador Paige at London notified the State Department today that the British Foreign Office has decided to permit the shipment from Rotterdam of \$5,000,000 worth of German dyestuffs to the United States.

ONLY SIX PASSENGERS SAIL ON FRENCH LINER. NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Carrying only six passengers, the French liner Espoigne sailed for Bordeaux today after her departure had been postponed for a week.

ALLIED AVIATORS WRECK BELGIAN STATION. AMSTERDAM, Feb. 28.—Allied aviators have attacked and destroyed the railway station and damaged the tunnel at Bleyberg, a Belgian town near the German frontier.

PORTUGAL SEIZES THREE MORE GERMAN SHIPS. LAYAL, Azores, Feb. 28.—By order of the Government, the Fayal authorities today seized the German steamships Sardinia, Schaumberg and Max, hoisting the Portuguese flag on each vessel.

MAYOR REINSTATES ORAM AS CHIEF CLERK. Herbert M. Oram, of 2052 North 13th street, who for many years served as chief clerk of the mayor, but who resigned two years ago, today resumed office as Joseph B. Smarr and will assume office on Wednesday.

CROWN PRINCE TO VISIT NEAR EAST, ATHENS HEARS. ATHENS, Feb. 28.—Crown Prince Frederick William of Germany is expected to make a visit to Constantinople and Sofia early in March, according to advices that reached official circles here today.

FIRST ALL-RAIL SUGAR CARGO FROM HAVANA ARRIVES. A trainload of sugar shipped by rail from Havana, Cuba, will arrive in Philadelphia today.

EX-MAYOR'S MOTHER-IN-LAW HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT. Mrs. Sarah Jennings, mother-in-law of ex-Mayor John Weaver, is in a serious condition as a result of injuries received when Mr. Weaver's automobile skidded at 19th and Ontario streets and crashed into a tree.

LINER CEDRIC BACK IN TRANSATLANTIC SERVICE. NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—The liner Cedric, which was in the British transport service since November, 1914, arrived at the White Star Line pier last night, completing her first trip since she resumed her character as a merchant ship.

5000 CRAMP WORKERS GET 10% WAGE INCREASE. A substantial wage increase affecting 5000 workmen went into effect today at Cramps Shipyard.

LIQUOR BLAMED FOR PNEUMONIA FATALITIES. WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Alcohol is the handmaiden of pneumonia which produces 19 per cent. of the deaths in the United States, a Public Health Service bulletin said today.

26,000 ANTITOXIN UNITS USED ON TETANUS VICTIM. Twenty-six thousand units of antitoxin have been injected into 16-year-old Harry Miller, of Mechanics Valley, Bucks County, in an effort to check tetanus.

TWO CANADIAN GENERALS WOUNDED BY SNIPERS. OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 28.—Brigadier General A. S. MacDonnell and Brigadier General R. G. Leckie have been wounded while inspecting their troops on the firing line, official cable dispatches said today.

3 HELD FOR RECRUITING U. S. SOLDIERS FOR BRITAIN. HONOLULU, Feb. 28.—Charged with recruiting American soldiers for service in the British army, W. B. Seligson, alias W. R. Stein; C. D. Randall, alias Harrison, alias Englan, and a recently discharged sergeant of the 4th United States Cavalry named Jefferson, have been arrested here by United States Marshal Joseph J. Smiddy.