

BERLIN KEEPING U-BOAT PLEDGE, ENVOY ASSERTS

'Promises Scrupulously Observed,' Bernstorff Says. Thinks Sussex Mined

AMERICA MISINFORMED

Washington Waits on Data Before Framing New Indictment

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, went to the State Department at noon today and held a conference with Counsellor Polk.

He made it plain that if the submarine question is to be discussed, the discussion must be initiated by the State Department.

He said that he had no information whatever regarding the various sinkings of vessels now being investigated by the United States.

"I am positively convinced," he added, "that the Sussex was sunk by striking a mine. My Government scrupulously is observing all the conditions made, and is not violating international law."

The ambassador said that he had taken up with Counsellor Polk "only some unimportant trade matters and that the submarine situation was not touched on in any way."

The ambassador insisted that much "misinformation" is being sent from abroad dealing with the "alleged submarine activities."

The United States is preparing to act in the latest submarine crisis with Germany just as soon as a complete report is received from Ambassador Gerard at Berlin.

The ambassador is making direct inquiry into whether the series of marine disasters to neutral and belligerent shipping was authorized either by secret orders or by a new policy adopted by the Admiralty.

Officials were hopeful that his complete report would reach here not later than early tomorrow, so that it can be considered at the regular Cabinet meeting.

Should Germany disavow responsibility, it is understood that the State Department has completed a mass of important evidence which, in the instances of the liners Sussex and Englishman, conclusively seems to show that the vessels were torpedoed.

Ambassador Page at London today cabled the State Department that he had been "notified by an official source" that a hostile submarine twice tried to torpedo the British destroyer which went to rescue the passengers from the Channel liner Sussex.

Both torpedoes missed, the ambassador says he was told. This would indicate that German submarines were operating in the vicinity.

LONDON, March 30.—That German submarines have entered on a new campaign of terrorism, despite all assurances to the contrary from Berlin, was the view unanimously taken by British officials today.

In the first two weeks of the new U-boat war on armed merchantmen, augmented March 1, the submarines proceeded cautiously, apparently under strict orders from Berlin.

During the last fortnight sinkings have averaged from three to four ships a day. Admiralty officials said today they have positive proof that U-boat commanders have exercised no discrimination, but have torpedoed without warning numerous unarmed ships, attacking them in the darkness.

Reports concerning reported attacks on four vessels, aboard which were Americans, are now en route to Washington. The British steamer Eagle Point, reported torpedoed without warning, entered the German-American controversy through the fact that Joseph Gleason, of Boston, was a member of her crew. The other ships were the Englishman, Sussex and Manchester Engineer.

GERMANS SUFFER BIG LOSSES AT AVOCOURT

Continued from Page One The German losses were placed at 15,000 men. The fighting around Avocourt Forest and the village of Malancourt is described in dispatches from the front as "extremely bloody."

From three to seven waves of German infantry surged toward the French trenches. At least 30,000 men were in the attacking force. These were mostly drawn from the Bavarian Corps and the 15th Reserve Army Corps.

The Germans did not get a chance to engage the French in hand-to-hand fighting, as the ranks were swept away by the terrific fire from the French machine guns and three-inch batteries of artillery before they reached the trenches.

Before the infantry assaults were begun the French positions were violently shelled by the Germans over a five-mile front, but the four soldiers stacked along a front only 1000 yards wide. The object of the attack was to capture the villages of Malancourt and Haucourt, in order to straighten out the German line on the left side of the Meuse.

Debonching from Malancourt woods, the Teutons advanced with fixed bayonets, singing "The Watch on the Rhine."

As the troops moved into the open all the French batteries opened, and the ground was swept with a hail of lead from the rapid-fire guns. Six assaults were delivered, the last two being made after darkness had fallen. At one time the Germans got within 50 yards of the French positions, but this was the closest they ever were.

So severe were the German losses in this four-hour battle that when the French suddenly attacked their lines two miles farther south, the Teutons were caught napping and were driven from their positions. One thousand fresh troops tried to win back the lost ground, but failed.

Japanese War Minister Quits TOKIO, March 30.—Lieutenant General Oka, Minister of War, resigned today. He is succeeded by Lieutenant General Oshima, formerly Vice Minister.

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MATHEMATICAL QUIZ GIVES ZEST TO LICENSE COURT AT NORRISTOWN

Youth's Obvious Shortcomings in Arithmetic Prove Stumbling Block to Law and Order Society's Counsel

CAN'T TELL HIS OWN AGE

By a Staff Correspondent NORRISTOWN, Pa., March 30.—A youth who had gone to school only three years got an idea of what the higher education is when he was put through a course of arithmetical stunts on the witness stand by lawyers and Judges in the License Court here today.

John Deaura, of Pottstown, was called to testify in the famous case against Harry Prince, proprietor of the Imperial Cafe, Pottstown. George Wanger, counsel for the Montgomery County Law and Order Society, tried to show that, although under 21 years of age, he had obtained liquor in Prince's saloon.

Deaura's mathematical shortcomings proved a stumbling block.

Mr. Wanger then introduced a working certificate purporting to show that in 1910 John Deaura was 14 years 6 months old, and, therefore, only 20 years of age now, and not legally entitled to be served in a saloon.

Judge Swartz asked the witness to sign his name for purposes of comparison. Both the handwriting and the spelling, the Judge announced, differed from the signature on the certificate.

Paul Green, another youth said to have been served by Prince, did not answer when called as a witness and a bench warrant was issued for him.

Carl Wilkerson, 22 years old, admitted he got drunk about once a month, and could satisfy his desire for alcoholic excitement in Prince's place, although other saloonkeepers refused to sell him.

Prince on the stand said he had arranged to sell his saloon because his family was too large and because he was always being annoyed by the detective who made the investigations for the Law and Order Society.

He was to receive \$8000 for the saloon if the court allowed the transfer to J. Harvey Peterson.

John Bodor, of Chester County, who will not be of age until May 21, said he had visited the Imperial Cafe every Saturday night since last June. An attempt to question the statement he made concerning his age was settled by Bodor, with the statement that he ought to know, because he had his birth certificate framed and hanging on the wall at home.

Additional charges that Prince sold to persons of known intemperate habits and that his cafe had a bad reputation were made in the demonstration.

Chief of Police Reifsnyder, of Pottstown, said he had never received any complaints.

PITCHER MAYER A PARENT

Phillies' Southpaw Marvel Becomes Father of Baby Girl, but Doesn't Yet Know It

James Erskine Mayer, southpaw pitcher of the Phillies, gambols on the mound of the pitcher's box in the training camp of the Phillies at St. Petersburg, Fla., today and flings up the horseshoe in speedy spirals to the rookies, innocent of the fact that he's the proud and happy parent of a nine-pound blue-eyed baby girl.

She arrived at midnight at the Mayer home, 127 West Locust street. "Pat" Mayer has not yet been let in on the secret. Word will be sent him later, as it is feared that he would desert the training camp at once to come North and view the new addition to his family.

Both the mother, who was Miss Eleanor Joher, 2740 North Garnet street, and the child are doing very well, it was said at the Mayer home today.

The pitcher and his wife were married June 30, 1915. The marriage was a quiet one, only a few friends being present. In the home of an aunt of the bride, Mrs. William Dell. After the ceremony a wedding supper was held on the Continental roof garden, which was attended by most of the Phillies. Mrs. Mayer is 20 years old and is the daughter of Louis C. Joher, a member of the Philadelphia Orchestra. Her husband is a graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology and has pitched phenomenal ball for the Phillies for the last three years.

\$50,000 Loss in Railway Fire

PLYMOUTH, N. H., March 30.—The Boston and Maine roundhouses, together with six locomotives, were destroyed by fire early today. The loss was \$50,000.

DR. WAITE'S FACE ANALYZED



This picture indicates that, "because of his love of beauty and elegance, he might easily become the tool of designing women."



This picture shows he "likes to shine as a good sport, is a lavish spender and likes to be a popular hero among the ladies."



"The traits shown in this are optimism—a feeling that whatever he undertakes will come out well for him."

DR. WAITE ANALYZED BY WOMAN LECTURER

Continued from Page One servant and inclines to science and material affairs rather than to philosophy and other attractions. His mind, like his body, is capable of spasmodic flashes of energy. He is probably brilliant at times, but lacks in concentration, application and capacity for sustained effort.

He is versatile, has a wide range of intellectual interests, but because of his lack of mental focus does not go deeply and thoroughly into any one of them.

PLAN TO ABOLISH TOLL GATES

Citizens of Northern Section of Old York Road to Confer on Project Tonight

Citizens of the northern section of Old York road will meet tonight at the town hall in Jenkintown to work out a plan to abolish toll payments. The call for the meeting has been issued by Louis A. Eagle, ex-Sheriff of Montgomery County, and ex-Senator S. S. Haggerty.

Under the existing system of toll collections, travel over the highway is costly. At each gate the motorcar cost is five cents. The first gate is at City Line and Old York road, the second at Spring avenue, Elkins Park; the third at Washington lane, Jenkintown; the fourth gate at Susquehanna road, Abington. North of Willow Grove the first gate is near the Trenton Cut-off Railroad, with an additional gate just above Harbor. Some distance above the street road section the seven-mile stretch recently rebuilt by the State is reached—one of the best stretches of motoring highway in the entire length of Old York road.

W. P. SIEGERT FOR CONGRESS

42d Ward Councilman May Be Vire Candidate for Darrow's Seat

Common Councilman William P. Siegart, of the 42d Ward, has been put forward as candidate for the Republican nomination for Congressman from the 6th District by the Citizens' Republican League, adjunct to the Penrose machine, which circulated his nomination papers today.

Siegert has been regarded as a Vire follower. He will oppose Congressman George P. Darrow, who has entered the fight for re-nomination. Until today he had been discussed as a probable candidate to dispute the ward leadership of Andrew French, a McNichol follower.

He was elected to Common Council three years ago through Vire support and was re-elected last year as Franklin and Republican candidate. He was on the organization committee chairman of George D. Porter's mayoralty campaign.

Former Congressman J. Washington Logue, Democrat, is expected to enter the fight for re-election in the 6th Congressional District, which comprises West Philadelphia, Germantown, Logan and Olney.

Church Teachers Get Diplomas

Graduation exercises will be held tonight in the Calvary Mission Chapel, in East Germantown, at which diplomas will be awarded to five women, all of whom have completed the course of the Teacher Training Department of that church. The principal addresses will be made by Colonel Sheldon Potter, the Rev. Dr. Alexander Henry, and Charles Adamson, of this city, and the Rev. Dr. William Lower, pastor of the Calvary Church of Wynecote. Calvary Mission had its origin as an adjunct of the suburban church. The diploma winners are Mrs. Albert Krewson, Mrs. Robert J. Groves, Miss Esther Dedler, Mrs. Edgar De Voe and Miss Margaret M. McCool.

EIGHT NATIONS TO PUSH WAR AGAINST TEUTONS

Declaration of Allies in Paris Proclaims One Common Plan of Offensive

LONDON, March 30.—The Telegraph expresses the opinion that the declaration which was drawn up by the Allies in Paris on Tuesday will go down in history as one of the most memorable documents ever drawn up.

This is the first time that eight nations, including four European Powers and one great Asiatic country, have proclaimed that they have a common front against the enemy and one common plan of offensive along that front.

Another unprecedented resolution in the document is that solemnly affirming that the Allied Governments will carry into effect in the economic field their solidarity of views and interests.

Never before have so many Powers proclaimed their absolute economic unity against a common enemy. It is pointed out that Japan, which had not previously adhered to the economic union, is now solemnly pledged to co-operate with the other countries in the grand alliance.

The Committee on Blockade, which was appointed by the conference, will sit in Paris until the end of the war directing the blockade through which the Allies plan to starve out Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey.

Hold Man Who Tore American Flag

Thaddeus Drabik was held in \$5000 bail for a further hearing today by his former landlord, Paul Pzykiewicz, of 298 Richmond street, accused of assault and battery and desecrating the American flag. Drabik now lives at 2962 Richmond street. When he left Pzykiewicz's place there was an argument, and during the excitement the American flag owned by the landlord was torn. The landlord alleges that Drabik tore it purposely; the latter says the owner tore it himself in the scuffle.

BABY ADDS COMIC SIDE TO R. R. RATE HEARING

Detectives Get Wrong "Evidence" Against Commuters' Expert

Arrival of a baby in the home of Harry E. Bellis, Butler street, near 13th, this city, today figured prominently in the qualification of Bellis as a traffic expert for the South Jersey Commuters' Association before the New Jersey Public Utility Commission, in session at the Camden Court House.

Bellis failed to appear at a hearing given by the commission in Trenton last Monday, pleading as his excuse that he expected an addition to the family. The suspicions of attorneys for the Pennsylvania Railroad were aroused, it is said, and they sent two detectives to investigate Bellis' story. The detectives reported that no addition to the family was expected. They also reported that Mrs. Bellis had stated that her husband was out of town and she did not know when he would return home.

On the strength of the report of the detectives, attorneys for the Pennsylvania Railroad, it is charged, wrote a letter to Ralph W. E. Donges, chairman of the commission, in which they declared that Bellis' story of his wife's illness was untrue. This action was taken, according to William Cary Marshall, counsel for the South Jersey Commuters' Association, to impugn Bellis' veracity.

Bellis wore a broad smile when he took the stand. He declared that he had told the truth when he stated that his wife was ill.

"The baby was born yesterday," he said. "I was home all day, with the exception of about an hour, when I went to a telephone pay station and phoned to Mr. Marshall. No detectives came to my house and talked with Mrs. Bellis. They talked to the wrong woman."

The explanation of Mr. Bellis, who is one of the most noted traffic experts in the United States, was accepted by the commission and caused laughter among the audience.

The Time Was

when men's interests and those of women were wide apart. Now they are drawing closer together all the time. The woman is more interested in men's affairs, and the coming of the efficiency note in the new housekeeping is quickening the interest of men in home affairs.

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