RECENT U-BOAT ACTS PUZZLE TO U.S. AUTHORITIES

Difficult to Bunch Attacks Involving Americans, as Data Come In

GERARD DELAYS REPLY

WASHINGTON, March 21.

President Wilson and his Cabinet discussed again today the crisis which has developed with Germany as a result of the Kalser's apparent renewal of lifegal submarine activities. With a mass of evidence at hand, the Cabinet faced a somewhat muddled problem. Planning to handle the recent outbreaks in the English Channel as one issue and not take the incident up separately. Administration of detals today find that this may be difficult.

of the four boats attacked mon which Of the four boats attacked mon which American lives were feomerated, it is understood the Eagle Point was a boat in the service of the English Admiralty, the Englishman, it will be probably contended by Germany, was attempting to escape and the Susses, it is already declared by German officials, was the victum of a mine and not a submarine. What will be said of the Manchester Engineer is yet to be seen.

In the face of these points the President and Secretary of State Lansing are hop-ing to obtain in the next few days from American Consults abroad sufficient cyl-

american Consuls abroad sufficient evidence on which to been definite conclusions. Absence of word from Ambassador Gerard, in reply to suggestions that he obtain informally from the German Jovernment Information it may have concerning the recent disasters, has contributed to the difficulty.

Not a single communication for come through from Gerard since he was directed to learn whether Germany accepted responsibility for the attack upon the Chancel steamship Sussex. There has been no interruption in the cable and afficials are ruzzled as to why he does not report, although the suggestion is made that Germany has asked that he wait a reply to his query until all submarine commanders his query until all submarine commanders

A strong belief exists in congressional circles that President Wilson will appear before Congress next week to report on and ask support for planned action in the

and ask support for planned action in the submarine cases.

Senator Stone and Jiepresentative Plood, chairman of the Senate and House Foreign Relations Committees, discussed the general international estuation at length with Secretary of State Lansing today. It was later explained by Senator Stone that the conference was in every way informal and that no arrangements yet had been suggested for bringing ments yet had been suggested for bringing submarine situation to the attention

of Congress.
"The hands of the United States are tied until all of the facts are secured."
the Senator said. "It may be a week yet before Ambassador Cerazed can get all of the facts. Meanwhile we will have

to mark time."

The Senator very frankly said that the situation on its face essued very serious. Austrian and German sources were plainly troubled today over the immediate outlook. However, there was a feeling in evidence there that this Government is the source of the serious times to meet its wishes expect Germany to meet its wishes a marine officers shall be shown in the marine officers shall be shown in fault. As a high official put it. "Germany is too big a nation to violate solemn pledges with consent." And German naval discipline is such, it was pointed out, that if a German officer is shown at fault he will be punished no matter what his rank or connections.

SPY WHO SEIZED SHIP FEARS BRITISH WRATH

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Samaritan if I am taken to the nearest public square and shot down. I tried to serve the Fatherland. I lost in what I planned to accomplish. I am not sorry and am ready to take my medicine, but I don't want my body to lie in an English grave."

British steamship Matoppo; his engineer, three officers and a crew of 56 Chinese and East Indians at bay for almost 35 hours, togday spoke these words when he opened his eyes after spending the night in chains at the custom house here. From authentic sources it was learned

here today that the British Government will make a demand for Schiller's return to England. The British Consul from New York, acting on instructions from the British Ambassador, is on his way to Lewes. It is reported, and confirmed by the local authorities, that he will make a demand for Schiller. The plea on which the British Government will seek to ob-tain Schiller is that his offense was piracy committed on the high seas. The local authorities will hold Schiller until they confer with the United States Marshal from New York, from which jurisdiction the Matoppo sailed last Wednesday at 6

An all-night search with gasoline and electric lights in the hold of the Matoppo for the many bombs which Schiller said he had planted was fruitiess. However, the authorities are not yet satisfied that bombs with time fuses were not hidden aboard the ship. Therefore, before day-light set in the vessel was towed into shallow water. This was done to preent the ship from sinking should any

of the time fuses explode bombs.
Schiller has made several unsigned confessions since being placed in irons. He insists that he is a German spy, and mays he was attached to the English receiving ship Conway in England for three years, during which time he kept the rman Government posted on naval af-

Once while being grilled by Justice of the Feace Napoleon Bomaparte Register and Constable Frank Johnson, he tried to get up from his chair, and as he wriggled his chained form he exclaimed:

am not a spy."
minute later he admitted he was a
He said he had denied that he was a any because he was tired of being ques

Schiller is five feet nine inches tall, weighs about 149 pounds, has light hair, a little mustache and blue eyes. His ac-cent is clearly German. CAME HERE A YEAR AGO.

He might be taken for a mechanic or a day laborer. He admits having worked once in a textile factory, but refuses to any where. He arrived in this country a year ago, according to his statement. The consensus of opinion among the authori-ties here is that Schiller as not the correct

name of the blond German.

D. W. Burbage, of Burbage & Co., ship brokers, and agents for the Matoppo ship brokers, and agents for the Matoppo were 37 miners and laborers at work. In this country, said today that he thought Schiller was not mentally deranged "Hs is perfectly sane." he said. "I believe he knows a good deal about navigation water was up to their necks.

It is generally believed among the citi-seus of Lewes that there are benche in the hold of the Matoppo, placed there by dehiller, as he declared. For this reason there is a tendancy to stear clear of the vessel. Only the most reckless members of the populate vanture near the ship and other vessels give her a wide both in

A spead of armed guarde remained in-onle of the little gray-painted Coutoms touse all last sight watching Schiller for fear that he might make some cort of an of at the commit suicide. Schiller refuses to a built or dear that he is a former off-

make up of the typical sea-te to years out. His wife and

me put should my ship,"

Schiller May Spend Rest of His Days in U. S. Prison

WASHINGTON, March 31.— Ernest Schiller, lone pirate, is likely to spend the rest of his days in a United States Federal prison, rather than face punishment by England for his action in holding up the British steamship Matoppo. Authorities on maritime law held today Schiller undoubtedly would be considered as a pirate and sentenced under Section 290 of the law of 1909, which says:

Whoever on the high seas commits the crime of piracy as defined by the law of na-tions and afterward is brought into or found in the United States shall be imprisoned for life.

Naval lawyers think this statute precludes the possibility of turning Schiller over to England, although his alleged piracy was committed on an English ship on the high Under prior laws Schiller could not fare so easily as under the present statute, for death used to be the only punishment this Government could measure to a pirate brought into an American

said Shipper Bergner. "That's all I ask, Just wait until the English Consul gets here. Once that fellow is on my ship I'll

Schiller greeted his indees He today. His only request was for owel and some somb. His guards washed and dried his face. They were afreid to take any chance to unchain him

"You know if I wanted to I can't have blown up that English ship and drowned every English human being," said Schill-

Where did you obtain the revolvers and 200 carridges."
"Where do you suppose I did? I certainly didn't purchase them in a butcher store or in an ice cream partor," replied chiller with a sneer.

A more thrilling and dramatic take of the bine was dealing with piracy has sel-don been penned by writers of sea varus tran the one revealed by the log of the tran the one revenied by the log the Matonpo. For five days before the Matonpo weighed anchor in Hoboker. N. J., bound for Vladiovostock, extrying a cargo of steel rail and barbod wire. Schiller was secreted in a lifeboat. There he remained night and day. He existed on rackers and sandwiches which he consecuted in placing in the boat.

on cackers and saidwiches which to succeeded in placing in the boat. At 8 12 Wednesday evening he left the lifeboat. He made his way to Captain Bergner's cabin. The skigner was agone, the was waiting for the engineer with whom he had an appointment to play crib. The door suddenly opened. The burrels of two revolvers were facing the skipper. The vessel had passed Sandy Hook just about two hours before.

HOLDS UP THE SKIPPER. Good God, how did you get aboard

here?" said Cantain Berguer.
"Never mind how I got aboard," re-pited Schiller. "You have \$2000 in English noney, and I want it."

"You are mistaken my man; all ! have is about £10," answered the skipper. "You have contraband of war on your hip and I have a good mind to sink your thin. I have placed bombs in different parts of your ship, the fuses are timed and I can have them go off when I want to," continued Schiller. "Now, bring me your manifest and let me see for myself wheth-

manifest and let me see for myself whether you are telling a lie or if you are really an honest sea captain."

The manifest was brought forth. Schiller examined it carefully. Suddenly he threw the document on the floor.

"Damn you and your ship. Isn't barbed wire contraband of war?" asked Schiller. At this point the chief enginer walked

"Hands up," said Schiller, as he pointed the two revolvers at him. The engineer obeyed the command. Later the same order was obeyed by the other officers. The crew of 58 was not disturbed by chiller, who warned the captain that If he attempted to call them to his aid he would blow up the ship at once. Toward 16 o'clock Wednesday evening Schiller inn ready to take my medicine, but I don't ant my body to lie in an English grave."
Schiller, who, in real Captain Ridd fash, held Captain Richard Bergner, of the cabin where the wireless room is located. With the butt end of the revolvers and using them simultaneously he crippled the apparatus. He also made Captain Berg-ner promise him that he wouldn't "double-

ross" him, as he expressed it.

As he left the captain's cabin he asked As he left the captain's cabin he asked for some food. Two platters containing meats and coffee were brought in by the East Indian chef. Schiller refused to touch the food placed before him, instead he took the platter placed before the captain.

"I'll eat the food placed before you and you eat the grub placed before me. You see. I'm not fond of East Indian poison and if you are playing any sort of a game to knock me out I want you to take the count first," said Schiller, and the captain agreed.

captain agreed. SIGNAL FOR HELP.

Skipper Bergner navigated his ship toward the Delaware Capes. On Thursday morning Schiller went up on the bridge. He kept giving orders to the captain and His orders were obeyed because everybody feit certain that the supposed bombs could be set off whenever Schiller wanted to. Thursday afternoon the ship was a few miles from Lewes. One of the crew signaled to the Federal life-saving station at Cape Henlopen. The signal given was "Piracy on board."

"I guess I'll go ashore," said Schiller.
Captain, I want you to lower a lifeboat and put me ashore."

His wish was granted. With two officers he was lowered into a lifeboat. He kept pointing his two revolvers at the officers. Then the lifeboat of the Pederal coast guard appeared. Schiller threw his two revolvers in addition to another one which was in his pocket overboard. He surrendered at once. He was searched and taken to the Custom House lockup.

WATER ENGLIS MINERS WHO STRUGGLE TO SAFETY

Flood Up to Their Necks After Wall Breaks

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., March 31.— Porty minure in the Butler colliery of the Hillaide Coal Company, at Browntown, escaped death by wailing through water up to their necks when the mine was flooded. Only the quick action of James Frearick saved the miners from death.

Frearick and three others broke through an old working unexpectedly and released a big body of water that had collected in the "Cork and Bottle" shaft that was abandoned 20 years ago. In a few sec-onds water was up to their knees Nearby

BOON FOR COON HUNTERS

Sportsman Restocks Delaware County Woods With Vanishing Game

MEDIA, Pa., March 31.—Deputy Sheriff William L. Mathues, of Delaware County, one of the most enthusiastic coon hunters in this section, has purchased 50 coons, which he will liberate in thickly wooded hills for breeding. Coons are becoming scarce in this county.

Mathues has called together a number of coon hunters for the purpose of forming a coon club.

Penns hand Saland Market Thirty And Andrews You A

REMONSTRANCES FAIL; SIX LICENSES GRANTED IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Anti-Liquor Forces Fought Against Pottstown Applications--Jenkintown Hotel Wins

TWELVE MORE OPPOSED

do a Staff Correspondent

NORRISTOWN, March 31 .- Six of the It there is against the renewal of which remonstrances had been filed were granted by Judges Swartz and Miller today despite the very strenuous opposition of the "dry" forces in two of the cases.

The lucky salounkeepers, whose suspense was released without reaches to wait.

nense was relieved without having to netise was relieved without naving to wait until all the hearings end, were William Allison, of Limerick; Valentine Kuhlman, proprietor of the Exchange Hotel, Norvistown; Joseph Jackson, Bridgeport; Thomas Hagerty, proprietor of the Cottman House, Old York road, Jenkintown; John J. Shanfelter, Shufer House, Pottsoldest liquer stores in Pottstown, having seen licensed 60 years

There were no bearings in the first three asses, and the remonstrance against Hag-riy was withdrawn by Goorge Wagner, ounced for the Montgomers (Jounty Law for the Montgomery and Order Society, when, after several witnesses were examined and two hours consumed he saw his case collapse. The consumed he saw his case collapse. The remonstrance against the renewal of the two Pottstown licenses was based on the tastimony of Josiah Strock, an 18-year-old boy, who said he has been served alcoholic drinks in the places of both. Veller and Shanfelter. Strock was so sturdy of build however, that he looked to be several years past his majority.

The hearing in the remonstrance against the renewal of the license of Thomas Mulvey, proprietor of the McClellan House, Norristown, was finished today, after which the case against John F. Dillon, proprietor of the Colonial, Bridgeport, was taken in port, was taken up-

ATTORNEY IS ASSAILED.

Attorney Wanger, for the second time since the License Court opened, was charged with not having prepared his case properly. N. H. Largelere, counsel case properly. N. H. Larzelere, counsel for Polion, said that the charges against his client had been brought with the least possible regularity and in defance of the

legislative acts governing this matter, it was alleged that Dillon had sold whicky to Samuel Frith, of Norristown. when the latter was on the "blackilst, Frith on the stand was quite indignant because, having consented to be placed on that "blacklist" by a clergyman, he was subsequently unable to obtain liquor anywhere in Norristown. Consequently he said, his reputation suffered greatly among his fellow townspeople who began to think him a drunkard. This he de-nied vehemently, asserting that he had been intoxicated but two or three times in his life prior to being put on the "black-

Lewis Colfiesh, also said to have been "blacklisted," said he had been sold from 12 to 15 quarts of whisky in Dillon's place in three months. He said that he went to Bridgeport directly across the Schuylkill from here, not because of mability to obtain alcoholic beverages in Norristown, but in order to escape from the watchful eye of bleaters. Colflesh raid he always kep whisky in his house "for medical pur

·WORST IS YET TO COME"; FIVE RUNAWAYS TO GET "LICKIN'S"

Parents Promise Camden Judge Not to Spare the Rod

Boyish howls of the good, old-fashioned "woodshed variety" are going to stir up the echoes in five Philadelphia homes to-day, if one trate father and four angry mothers keep pledges they made this morning to Recorder Stackhouse, in Camden.

parents declared that he had no rod in the house, but he pledged himself to use a barrel stave. The boys were arrested as runawaya and are Edward Lonabaugh, 15 years old, 2220 North 3d street; Herman Kroesche, 15 years old, 322 West York treet: George Schwertzer, 1 2209 Philip street; Oscar Kriebs, 2253 North 6th street, and William Psau, 12 years old, 2204 North 2d street.

The boys were strolling along Market street, in Camden, when Policeman Scharz asked them where they were going. They didn't know, so Scharr escorted them to the police station, where they were locked

A night in the lock-up was more than the boys bargained for, and they presented a woe-begone appearance when they were lined up before Recorder Stackhouse this morning. But they saw that the "worst was yet to come" when they beheld their

The father of the Kroesche boy served as spokesman for the parents, and he pleaded with the Recorder to discharge

'I don't know what's got into my boy, "I don't know what's got into my boy, judge." he said, "but if you will let him off. I'll promise to give his hide a good tanning when I get him hame. I'll give him such a lickin' he won't be able to sit down for a week."

"We'll do the same, judge," chorused the nothers of the other lads. Gloom settled own on the five runaways. Two of them

began to whimper.
"All right," said Recorder Stackhouse "if you parents promise not to spare the rod I'll let them off this time."

Hotel in Lancaster Damaged by Fire LANCASTER, Fa. March 31.—Fire of unknown origin this morning damaged the four-story Imperial Hotel, West King street, E. W. Brown, proprietor, and owned by the Joseph Haefner estate, to the ex-tent of \$19,000. The fire started in a closet on the first floor and was not dis-covered until it reached the third floor. The big department store of Hager & Bros., adjoining, was filled with sm

Baltimore & Ohio R. R. \$2.00 Baltimore and Return \$2.50

Washington and Return SUNDAY, APRIL 2 Special Train Leaves 24th & Chestnut Sts. Station 8:60 A. M.: 60th St. Station 8:08 A. M.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION HELP WANTED-FEMALE

DEEWORK—White girl to cook and degeneral housework; no weaking; family of a narment; state wages expected. P 158, ledger Contrat.

HELP WANTED-MALE start \$4. Address "D. I. "P. O. Hos 2560 BOY in real estate office. Apply in own hand-writing. U 273, Ledger Office. SALESMAN, clothing experience. Call 8 30 to 9. Saturdar. April 1, 1425 Chestnet at., accord floor.

SPY BARES PLOT OF GERMANS TO INVADE CANADA

Men Were to Be Recruited From Interned Ships in the U.S.

PLAN OF VON DER GOLTZ

WASHINGTON, March 31 - Details of the plans which were excited months ago for the invasion of Canada by a large force of Germans from the United States were made public here today for the first time by officials of the Department of Justice. The department had known in a general way of these plans for a long time. It was not until Horst von der Gotz. German spy, was recently brought back to this country from England to turn State's evidence, that all of the details were obtained

of the Old Taylor liquor house, a whole-sale establishment which is one of the all of the sailors from the Austrian merchant vessels interfied in this country. As there are more than it such vessels in United States ports, officials cold con der Goltz could have built un a large force that way-

PLANNED FOR MUNITIONS. The point at which cannda was to have been invaled was "somewhere in the Northwest" and not through Buffals, as generally believed. It was said that the generally believed. It was said that the amountains which Captain Hans Tauscher, husband of Alme (ladski, and now under arrest in New York, is alleged to have secreted along the Pacific coast was to

have been used in this expedition. After a great many of the preliminary plaus had been made, you der Goltz told Federal officers the scheme was abandoned as being too fantastic. The plot to blow up the Welland Canal was then decided , he said. Von der Goltz has told officials that Captain Transcher made ar-rangements for getting explosives to be used in blowing up the Wellami Canal.

It became known this afternoon that the Government has under surveillance, ready for arrest, five other men who it claims were in the plot with Captain Tauscher. Evidence is at hand, it was authoritatively said, which will show that mess five men left New York with sail cases filled with dynamite in September, 1914, going to Buffale in pursuance with their plot to blow up the Welland anal. The five were shadowed throughout their plotting.

Pelix Levy, counsel for Captain Tauscher, declared this asternoon that his client had for a long thee seen in the mu-nitions business and that his record reuted any charge of wrongdoing.

Von der Goltz has sworn that he was in close communication all of the time with Captain von Papen, former German naval attache here, who was recalled by his Government at the request of the United States. He told Federal officials that Captain von Papen supplied money to carry along the work and offered ad-

SCIENCE TOO LATE TO SAVE HER Woman Died of Gas Before Lung Motor Was Applied

orked more than an hour with a pulmotor over Mrs. Josephine Hunes, 122 Noble street, in a futile effort to save her life. The coman had been dead from gas suffocation an hour before she was brought to the institution, and the scientific ap-pliance used by the physician to bring her back to life was put into operation too late.

Mrs. Hunes was found dead yesterday afternoon in her room by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Mary Hunes. The room was full of gas. The woman was accustomed to leave the gas burning to dry the damp atmosphere and it is thought that the flames was extinguished, leaving the flow

BREAKS NECK BY FALL

Matthew Gally, Roofer at Frankford Hospital, Has Chance to Recover

Said to have sustained a broken neck and a fractured skull, Matthew Gaily, 48 years old, of \$25 North 9th street, is at the Frankford Hospital, and the physicians there say he has slight chance to recover. He was working on the roof of a building being erected for the Abrasive Material Company, Tacony and Bridge streets, when he fell. He struck several rafters and when he was picked up was

believed dead. James Townsend, 46 years old, of Camden, fell from the same building, but es-caped with only a few minor bruises that were treated at the same hospital.

Benefit for Hughey Dougherty

Hughey Dougherty, the famous black-face minstrel, remembered by three gen-erations of theatregoers, is very III in the St. Agnes' Hospital. The old minstrel, who is past his three-score-years and ten, has been the favorite of the amusement world for years. His friends are now arranging a benefit for him.

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WILKES-BARRE MERCHANT FLIM-FLAMMED: LOSES \$1800

Stranger Ties His Money in Handkerchief-Presto, It's Gone

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., March 31.-Isly WILKES-BARRE, Pa., March 31.—18;
dor Freed, merchant, was the victim of film-flammers here today and tost \$1806.
Freed was met by a stranger on the street, who asked him to accompany him to the railroad station. Freed was shown a roll of money said to contain a few thousand dollars. He was promised a reward if he took the stranger safely to the station and was asked to show his second intervious by giving the stranger. the station and was asked to show his good intentions by giving the stranger his money. Freed got \$1800 from the bank. The stranger tied it tip in a hand-kerchief for him. When the stranger dis-appeared Freed opened the handkerchief

QUAKERS WHO DISCUSS WARLIKE TOPICS HIT AT YEARLY MEETING

Lansdowne Friend Says He Fears Sentiment for Preparedness Is Creeping to the Fore

\$25,000 FOR PEACE

Some of our good members have failed to take the supreme test of faith, and hear them openly discussing on stree corners the Mexican situation and other warflike topics, instead of sitting in quiet of their homes and poring over be on peace, written by some of the worth; Friends," complained Benamin Whitson, of Lansdowne, at the Friends' Yearly Meeting, 4th and Arch streets, today, "Instead of supporting peace, calm and

"Instead of supporting beace, calm and good fellowship, and decrying unfriendly conflict between nations at agins," said Mr. Whitson, "I fear there is a distinct sentinent creeping to the fore in our midst that is in favor of preparedness. Let us pacify these agitators who would rouse us to give battle with our fellow man. Let those resulcitant Friends he Let us pacify these agitators who would rouse us to give battle with our fellow man. Let those recateitrant Friends be reticent in expressing their views, out of loyalty to the faith they represent. The spectacle of members of our society dragging the traditions of the faith in the dust for blood lust is to me overpowering."

No sooner had Mr. Whitson sat down then be John J Mullowney of the State

than Dr. John J. Mullowney, of the State Board of Health, and a recent recruit to the ranks of the Quakers, rose to his feet and urged the Friends to adopt the Ser-mon on the Mount as their only sword and to use it in the defense of their stand as pacifists.

He was supported heartly by Joseph Elkinton, who begged that the tiny fund of \$1500 set aside for the peace committee be swelled to a total of \$25,000 at least. For peace and educational work among the Indians the sum of \$13,500 was set aside by the Yearly Meeting.
The Friends were urged to hark to "the still, small, inner voice" in "these parlows

limes to peace."
Reports on various Indian schools sup-ported by the Quakers were read, after hich educational matters in general were

Improvement in public schools by "leaps nd bounds" since 1890, making it diffiand bounds" since 1896, making it diffi-cult for Friends' schools to compete, was made the basis of an appeal for a greater appropriation to the Educational Committee, when its report was read at the con-cluding session. One-third of Quaker chil-dren attend public schools because of their

superior efficiency, it was pointed out. Thirty-five hundred dollars for work of the committee was asked by Thomas K. Brown, its chairman, principal of West-

town School.

Dr. Raynor W. Kelsey, professor of history at Haverford College, pointed out the boundless resources of the State and the need for continually increased appropriations. Several Friends eulogized the priations. Set public schools. PENNYPACKER UNOPPOSED

S. Davis Page Quits Historical So-

ciety Contest The fight against ex-Governor Penny-

torical Society of Pennsylvania has ended with S. Davis Page declining the nomination for that office. Mr. Page sent a letter to Ogden D. Wilkinson requesting that his name be withdrawn. Mr. Page explained that he declined the nomination because of the fear that

contest with the ex-Governor might prejudice the best interests of the society and create irreparable antagonisms among its members. He expressed the hope that what Mr. Wilkin n and others have done may attract the attention of the council the society to the need of reforming one of the methods of employes, and that a better management of the society's affairs may be obtained.

Democrats to Meet Tonight

Reorganization Democrats will meet at the Bellevue-Stratford this evening to go over the State situation regarding candi-dates for the various offices, and also to consider State party places. A. Mitchell Palmer, who again is a candidate for national committeeman, will be there, so will ex-Judge Smith, of Clearfield County, who is a likely candidate for the sena-torial nomination. Among the other con-ferees will be Bruce Sterling, of Union, town, and Roland S. Morris.

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FAMILIES FLEEING SUSQUEHANNA FLOOD

Wilkes-Barre Partly Inundated and Suburban Points in Grave Peril

WILKES BARRE, Pa., March 31 -- Sev. ral hundred families in the Wyoming Valley are endangered by the sudden rising of the Susquehanna and almost complets inundation of the lowlands. The stream has reached a depth of 25 feet

Traffic between Wilker-Barre and West ide suburban towns has been cut off by he swollen condition of the stream. Main the swollen condition of the stream. Main thoroughfares are under water and families have been forced into the Westmoor, Edwardsville, Plymouth and Kingston sections, while at points north of this city the flood conditions took on a serious

Much of Westmoor is now under water Much of Westmoor is now under water and cellars are filled and fires drawn. Many families have left, but others have remained to look after their possessions. Residents of this section were astir throughout the night and early today; a town crier went from one street to another warning the people of flood dangers. Heorge Kuzmar, 8 years old, of Edwardsville, is the first fleed victim. He was walking along a tributary of the Susquehanna in the flooded area when he lost its balance and fell into the water, being

his balance and fell into the water, being carried down stream by the swift current.

Warm weather has caused a quick thaw on the mountains and all creeks and streams will reach a depth of 28 feet here before morning. This will mean greater danger to property in many sections.

PENROSE AND VARE MEN CLASH ON TAX INCREASE

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se made for funds for the compensation et and for the mothers' pension fund." Chairman Gaffney, without expressing ither approval or dissent, then asked City Solicitor Connelly to draw up an timate of the amount needed for these

wo items. MAYOR AND CABINET THERE. When the meeting opened, Mayor Smith and every member resent. Although Director Twining was resent at the request of the committee, t was indicated that all consideration of transit would probably be postponed until next Monday when the Mayor himself will take up this subject before the committee.

The Finance Committee, Chairman Gaffney announced, will meet on Monday, Tuesday and probably on Wednesday, in order to have all the legal points passed apon as early as possible.

CUMMINS FIGHTS ARMY BILL Opens War in Senate on Plan for

261,000 Volunteers WASHINGTON, March 31.-Senator

'ummins, of Iowa, opened the fight in the Senate today to kill the provision in the Chamberlain army bill creating a Federal volunteer army of 261,000 men. He introduced an amendment to strike out the whole section relating to the vol-unteer army. At the same time he offered everal other amendments to improve the national guard. Both Cummins and Senator Pomerene,

of Ohio, proposed amendments creating national guard section of the general Senator Hoke Smith introduced his

army vocational training plan as an amendment to the Chamberlain bill. Senator Hardwick, of Georgia, proposed an amendment to detail regular army officers a act as instructors in military educa ion in all school and colleges naving more than 50 male students.

PORK BARREL BILL IN HOUSE Republicans Vote Against Taking Up

of Measure WASHINGTON, March 31 .- A political pork harrel squabble began in the House today. Representative Sparkman, chair-man of the Rivers and Harbors Commit-

tee, called up the annual rivers and har-bor appropriation bill carrying about \$40,-000,000 for waterway improvements. Republican Leader Mann forced a political roll call on the question of taking up the measure. The Republicans generally voted against it in order to embarrass the Democrats. The measure was taken ip by an overwhelming vote. The House

began seven hours of general debate on

the bill.

TWO ALLEGED BRITISH SPIES ARRESTED HERE

Accused of Espionage by Exporters of Oil and Chemicals

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Cards of introduction from a former British consul in this city, and notebeok containing a mass of data relating to large shipments of oil and chemicals to European countries were found in the possession of Charles Crosson, 3147 North 26th street, who was arraigned before Magistrate Wrigley today on the accumation of having trespassed on the property of E. F. Houghton & Co., 240 West Someerset street.

E. F. Houghton & Co. are exporters of oil, and the officials of the company charge that Crosson is an English say, employed by the English Government to accertain if the Houghfon Company is making any shipments of oil and chemicals to Germany.

L. E. Murphy, vice president of the company, testified that for more than two weeks Crosson has been hanging around the Houghton plant, questioning drivers and making inquiries from other em-ployer. He said that Crosson ployes. He said that Crosson had ridden on wagons of the company to Pennsyl-vania freight stations and made notes as to the destination of oil and chemical shipments.

The police say that one of Crosson's notebooks contained the names of nearly all oil and chemical concerns in castera Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and Delaware. They also allege that they found in Crosson's possession cards of introduction from Sir Wilfred Powel, for-mer British consul in this city,

The two men were arrested yesterday as suspicious characters, and taken to the Front and Westmoreland streets station. Employes notified the heads of the tion. Employes notified the nears of the concern that the two men were examining consignments of oll, and Vice President Murphy, Herbert Rappold, purchaster agent and J. Becker, superintendent ing agent, and J. Becker, superintendent of the plant, rushed into the yard. The two men ran away, and the officials chased them for several blocks. The men

were distancing their pursuers when they were rounded up by the police.

The British Consulate today disclaimed all knowledge of Crosson. No official statement would be given.



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