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HELEN KELLER LISTENS TO CARUSO THROUGH HER FINGERS

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Washington Expects Intimation of Reply on U-Boats by End of Week Administration Will Not Recede From Demands in Wilson Ultimatum

BERLIN, April 27.

A momentous conference, with the con-tinuance of friendly relations between the United States and Germany in the bal-ance, was in progress today at grand army headquarters.

The Kaiser received the views of Chan-cellor von Bethmann-Hollweg. General Falkenhayn, chief of the General Staff of the army, and Admiral von Holtzendorff. chief of the Admiralty Staff. He lacked only further word from Washington, ex-mand through Ambaseador Gerard before. pected through Ambassador Gerard before many hours, defining more accurately the American submarine demands.

With the return of the Chancellor, It is expected the formal reply to the Amer-ican note will be immediately prepared and handed to Ambassador Gerard for transmission to Washington. Unless unforeseen delays occur, it was stated at the Foreign Office today, the reply will be in Washington by Monday.

All external indications are that the crisis has passed and that there will be no break in the relations between Germany and the United States. Analysis of the American note causes it to be viewed by German officialdom as less stringent than the first hasty perusal and advance bulletins had indicated.

It is the general understanding here that Germany will not meet fully Presi-dent Wilson's demand in the reply to be forwarded in Washington early next week. How far Germany will go no one pre-tends to know, but well-informed Berlin newspapers believe the German concessions will suffice to prevent a diplomatic break.

The Tageblatt today declared that Am-hassador Gerard is convinced, as a result of his conference with the Chancellor, that Germany is honestly striving to avoid a conflict, and that he has so re-ported to Washington. The situation can-not be cleared, the Tageblatt added, until Washington Indicates its disposition, but German officials hope that the United States will not interpose insuperable dif-ficulties in the way of an understanding. Through both Ambassador Gerard and Ambassador Bernstorff the German Gov-ernment is attempting to obtain a more definite statement of President Wilson's position before replying to the American note. Bernstorff has been instructed to

a detailed report as soon

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NEW U. S. STAND **ON ARMED SHIPS** MAY END CRISIS

tion to conduct hostile operations.

Views of America and Germany Brought Closer in Memorandum

CONCEDES BERLIN POINT

WASHINGTON, April 27. The publication yesterday by the State Department of a memorandum on the attitude of the United States toward armed merchantmen quickly followed the receipt of an important dispatch from Ambassador Os ard at Berlin.

The memory tum was interpreted by close observers as bearing directly on the crisis with Germany. In its advice to traveling Americans it has the color of a modified McLemore resolution. The position of the United States now is that an armed belligerent merchantman under instructions to attack in all air.

under instructions to attack in all cir-cumstances enemy naval vessels, or in-fluenced to do so by offers of prize money or penalties, loses its status as a peaceable merchant ship. This is stated in the following passage from the memorandum:

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In the event that merchant ships of belligerent nationality are armed and under commission or orders to at-tack in all circumstances certain classes of enemy vessels for the pur-pose of destroying them, and are en-titled to receive prize money for such service from their Gavernment, or are liable to a penality for follower to obey the orders given, such merchant ships lose their status as peaceable mar-chant ships and are to a limited ex-tent incorporated in the maxal forces of their Government, even though it of their Government, even though it is not their sale occupation to conduct hostile operations. Continuing its stand on such vessels the

United States asserts: It should, therefore, be considered as an armed public vessel and re-



where Federal agents have been ordered to secure information. Reports to the Secret Service and the Department of Justice, following the anonymous letter sent to British Ambas-sador Soring-Rice threatening to hold British subjects in the country respons-ible for the treatment accorded Sir Roger Casement, ill-fated leader of the Irish revolt, were disquisting to the officials. Information pointing to the probable com-plicity of Irish-Americans in the Dublic

information pointing to the probable com-plicity of Irish-Americans in the Dublin rebellion was transmitted from various agents, particularly in New York. While the Department of Justice declined to comment on the situation, it was under-stood that sweeping orders had been issued which will result in the surveillance of scores of supersts of scores of suspects.

Irish-American leaders in Washington, while they declined to talk for publication, expressed sympathy with the Irish Separatists. Groups of Irish-Americans both in New York and Washington have been in close touch with the "Free Ire-land" movement, and information as to the outbreak was available in Irish-American circles in the United States 24 hours before the British censors passed news dispatches telling of the revolt. American members of the order of Sinn Fein are

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WASHINGTON, April 27.-Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador; Wolf von Igel and John B. Stanchfield, the that the military authorities have the latter's attorney, held a lengthy confer-ence at the Embassy today at which plans for obtaining from the State Department all of the papers seized when Von Igel revolutionary situation so well under control in the Irish capital that it will not be necessary to fire upon the city. was arrested in New York were thor-oughly canvassed. The Ambassador has written another note to Secretary of State Lansing re-questing the return of all of these papera. This note recalls the promise made by Counsellor Polk, of the State Department.

Dublin has been brought under the guns of British warships that have anchored in Dublin Bay. It is believed, however, that the military authorities have the revolu-tionary situation so well under control in the Irish capital that it will not be necesthat the papers would be turned back as Attorney Stanchfield planned to make sary to fire upon the city. a formal call upon Counsellor olk during the day to ask for the papers. It is stated

Reports that the insurrectionists had sacked part of Dublin were given official cognizance when Premier Asquith anthe day to ask for the papers. It is stated that if the papers must be identified as "ocial" that duty will be undertaken by von Igel as Count von Bernstorff says he has no knowledge of the documents and never saw any of them. All of these papers, including the photographic copies made by the Department of Justice and District Attorney Marshall, of New York, are now in the possession of the State Department, having been turned over to that if the papers must be identified as "ocial" that duty will be undertaken by yon Igel as Count von Bernstorff says he has no knowledge of the documents and never saw any of them. All of these papers, including the photographic copies made by the Department of Justice and District Attorney Marshall, of New York, are now in the possession of the State Department, having been turned over to it at the request of Secretary Lansing personally.

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House of Commons this afternoon.

ATHENS, April 27 .- Russian airships have bombarded Con-

the registration lists began today. Out of 65 3d Ward petitions heard, 40 names were found to be properly registered, while deaths and re-

THREE NEUTRAL SHIPS, LIGHT TONNAGE, BLOWN UP

LONDON, April 27 .- The blowing up of three ships, two Dutch and one Norwegian, was reported today in dispatches to Lloyds Marine Agency. The Dutch ships were the Dubhe, 3233 tons, and the Maashaven, 2609 tons. Both hailed from Rotterdam. The Norwegian victim was the Stromnnaes, which blew up off South Jedsen. It is believed that all struck mines.

U. S. TREASURY GETS \$5000 "CONSCIENCE" PAYMENT

WASHINGTON, April 27 .- An envelope containing \$5000, contributed to the nscience fund, was received at the Treasury Department today. It was one of the largest contributions to that fund ever received. No word of explanation accompanied the money, which was in five \$1000 gold certificates.

CINCINNATI VOTES \$6,000,000 FOR BELT LINE

CINCINNATI, April 27 .- Cincinnati voters, by a majority of about 8 to 1, have approved a project to issue bonds to the amount of \$6,000,000 for the purpose of building a belt line railway around the city and also to erect a terminal station for the entrance of interurban lines.

POSTOFFICE ADDS 24 TO MOTORTRUCK FLEET

Twenty-four new motorcars are to be added to the Philadelphia postal service equipment within the next two weeks, according to announcement made today by F. E. Frazier, postal expert from Washington, who was largely instrumental in effecting the recent reorganization of the postoffice in this city. When the new automobiles are put in service the Philadelphia postoffice will have a fast fleet of \$5 motorcars, all Government-owned, a larger number than any other city in the United States, except Chicago, Mr. Frazier said.

\$5,146,969.39 IN CITY TREASURY

The weekly statement of City Treasurer William McCoach shows that the receipts amounted to \$383,622.71 and the payments to \$425,625,05, which, with the sum on hand last week, not including the slaking fund account, left a balance of \$55,145,959,39 on hand at the close of business last night.

PRUSSIAN LOSSES INCREASED TO 2,518,264

AMSTERDAM, April 27 .- The latest official casualty lists published in Gen many increase to 2,518,264 the total of Prussian losses during the war. This total includes killed, wounded and missing. It does not comprise the losses of the Saxon, Bavarian or Wuerttemburg armies.

GERMANS CONFESS GUILT IN FIRE-BOMB PLOT

NEW YORK, April 27 .- Complete confessions, given in return for immunity, by two of the eight Germans rece

The official news agency has circulated throughout Germany excerpts from news-papers in all sections of the United States indicating almost unanimous approval of President Wilson's firm stand. This was done obviously to silence those critics of the German Government who insist that President Wilson is bluffing and lacks popular support.

WASHINGTON WAITS WORD FROM BERLIN; NO RETREAT FROM U-BOAT DEMANDS

WASHINGTON, April 27.

With German officials in Washington and American officials in Berlin doing their utmost to avoid a rupture between the United States and Germany on the U-boat question, the general situation was unchanged today. Ambassador Ger-ard has informed this Government of the progress being made and some official word from the German Foreign Office is expected on its way to Washington by Saturday

President Wilson has been informed mbassador von Bernstorff is striving to bring about a satisfactory adjustment of the difficulties involving the two nations. This knowledge has had a favorable effect upon all of the President's official family In discussing von Bernstorff's attiuds in the preant crisis, one official said today. There is no question that the Ger-

man Ambassador is very anxious to avoid a break. He will do all he can to make possible the continuance of friendly relations. He has done so in the past. He is in a very trying position, and his work is appreciated." is appreciated." long as German officials seem to be

So long as German officials seem to be working vigorously to meet the President's views, it is believed unlikely that the President will demand greater haste or take any other action, for the present at least, that might embarrass the German Office in its work.

Foreign Office in its work. It is, however, the intention of the Ad-ministration not to make any additional ministration not to make any additional concessions to Germany. At the request of the Presidegt, Senator Stone today in-formed the members of the Senate For-sign Relations Committee that the United States has rested its whole case. It is willing to give Germany plenty of time to consider its action, but the demand that present methods of submarine war-fare scalant merchant ships shall be bandoned and public announcement made that this is the intention of the German diversiment, will not be be receded from index any consideration. The slightest widenes of weakening now, the President told Senator Stone at a protracted con-

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity-Generally cloudy and continued coal ionight and Friday with moderate northerly winds. For details see page 13.

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ceive the treatment of a warship by an enemy and by neutrals. Any person taking passage on such vessel cannot expect immunity

other than that accorded persons who are on board a warship.

SUGGESTED BY GERARD. The position taken by this Government is regarded as favorable to the German contentions, and the announcement is con-sidered to have a most important bearing on the controversy between the United

States and Germany. The memorandum was prepared in March by direction of President Wilson and was originally intended as a circular note to the various governments. Its publication yesterday, it is understood, is

the direct result of a suggestion from Ambassador Gerard. The statement is the first official de

claration of this government on the sub-ject since September 19, 1914, when it announced that merchant vessels might carry guns up to six inches in calibre for defensive purposes only without taking on the character of warships.

According to State Department officials According to State Department officials, the settlement of the acute issue with Ger-many depends in large measure on the outcome of the charges of the German Government that British merchanimen have been ordered to attack enemy sub-many that such instructions were issued secretly by the British Admiralty, and that prizes were offered in London to the captains and crews of merchant ships for the destruction of German submarines. the destruction of German submarines.

REQUEST TO ENGLAND. It was admitted by Secretary of State Lansing today that the United States has made a second demand on Great Britain to produce copies of her instructions to merchantmen to determine whether she

has given mandatory orders in violation of international law. of international law. If the United States decides that Brit-fah merchantmen have received the in-structions, as charged by Germany, this

Continued on Page Four, Column Two LA CAPITALE TURCA E **ATTACCATA DALL'ALTO**

Un Sottomarino Inglese E' Stato Affondato nel Mare del Nord

Un telegramma da Atene dice che aviari russi hanno volato su Constantinopoli Phanno bombardata dall'alto riuscende distruggere una fabbrica di esplosivi. La

capitale turca aveva avuto altre voite la visita di aviatori alleati ed il regalo di bombe lasciate cadere au stabilimenti militari e sulle fortificazioni. Notizie da Londra dicono che il sotto-

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As the tenor began the lament of Samson from "Samson and Delilah," the famous blind and deaf woman placed her fingers on his lips and throat and whispered, "Wonderful, wonderful! Though I can-not see your face, I can feel the pathos of your song." Photo by Underwood & Underwood.

FRENCH REPULSE

Verdun Front Presages

Great Attack

assure their final victory.

AVOIDS SLAYER'S FATE, DIES OF HEART DISEASE

Harry Chappelle, Wife Murderer in Eastern Penitentiary, Dies of Shock After Burns

Harry Chappelle, serving a sentence for ife-murder in the Eastern Penitentiary. died in that institution from shock incidental to scalds received last night while making repairs to a caldron used for cook-

According to Warden McKenty, Chap-According to warden McKenty, Chap-pelle's death was not due for the burns, which were dressed by the prison physi-cian and appeared to be trivial. He was corking a rivet on the caldron and the job was about completed. He asked that steam be turned into the caldron to ascer-tain if the rivet was tight tain if the rivet was tight.

tain if the rivet was tight. The sudden influx of the hot vapor into the cooled metal caused the "dished" hot-tom of the caldron to swell upward, scat-tering the steam in all directions. Chap-pelle's hands and feet were splashed, but otherwise he appeared to suffer no injury. Prompt treatment was administered at the infirmary, and Chappelle's recovery in a day or two was expected. Less than an our after his admission he showed signs

day or two was expected. Less than an hour after his admission he showed signs of collapse and died within a few minutes. Heart weakness is believed to have caused his death, but the Coroner will make

BEFORE BABE IS HURT GERMAN ASSAULT IN VAUX SECTOR Child Severely Scalded Despite

Mother's Vigilance After Vision of Death

DREAM WARNS FATHER

Fierce Artillery Action on The dream of Alexander Coledy, of 455 New Market street, that his infant son would die today, may come true. When BOTH SIDES REINFORCED

would die today, may come true. When left for just a moment by his mother, the baby fell into a tub of scalding water and received injuries from which he is not expected to recover. Mrs. Coledy had filled a haby's bathtub with the scalding water. Alexander Jr., just 18 months old, was playing nearby. He saw the steam rising from the little tub and toddled over to'it. His screams attracted his mother, who was getting things ready for the infant's bath. Flung-ing her arms into the scalding water, she PARIS, April 27. PARIS, April 17. The German bombardment of the Ver-dun front is increasing in violence, and it is believed that massed attacks, which usually follow such a terrific cannonade, will be launched tonight or tomorrow. It is understood in Paris that, as May 6 is the birthday of Crown Prince Frederick William, the Kalser is anxious to capture i Verdun by that date, or secure dominating positions for the German troops that will

things ready for the infant's bath. Flung-ing her arms into the scalding water, sho lifted the baby out and ran to the street. A sympachetic neighbor summened a passing automobile, and mother and child were taken to the Roosevelt Hospital. • Dr. Frank Boston did all that was pos-sible for both the infant and his mother, all baby was scalded so severity that he cannot recover, it is believed. Mra Coledy's arms were also scalided, and she was compelled to remain at the hospital. positions for the German troops that will The official communique, issued this aft-ermoon, reports only one infantry attack by the Germans. This was made in the The father of the child said today he dreamed last night that the baspital. The father of the child said today he dreamed last night that the baby would meet with death. For weeks he had been worrying about the infant. Each day he cautioned his wife to keep a close watch on him. Vaux sector by small forces and was reon him

According to the communique, the Ger-mans centred their bombardment last hight on the French positions near Avo-court and at Cote du Poivre (Pepper Heights). These two points, situated on the west and east banks of the Meuse Biver, respectively, are key notifions in When he left home this morning Coledy When he left nome this morning Colsdy told his wife of his dream. She, too, was much impressed with it, and followed every move of the infant closely. It was when she turned for an instant to get some cold water for his bath that he the west and east banks of the Menne River, respectively, are key positions in the defense of the Franch fortress. The fighting during the nine days that are to elapse before the Crown Prince celebrates his birthday is expected to surpass in flerceness all the sanguinary conflicts that have marked previous der-man operations against Verdun. Immense French forces, supported by Russian re-inforcements, have been concentrated to mest the attack.

fell in the tub Knights of Columbus' Editor Dies

Anights of Commons Letter Ples ORANGE. N. J., April 27.--Daniel P. Toomoy, publisher of the Columbiad, the official paper of the Knights of Columbias, died at his honce in East Orange today. He was been in Ireland in 1842. He was widely known to Irishmen throughout the United States. In 1882 he was elected a member of the Massichusetts Leginlature. He came have about 10 years ago. The Germans have brought up fresh troops also. The Teuton military round: have for several days been bringing large illuned on Page Four. Column One

conspiracy to place fire-bombs aboard munitions ships. They have told their story to the Federal Grand Jury. This was made known last night by Assistant United States District Attorney Roger B. Wood, in charge of the investigation of alleged German plots. The two men are Captain Charles von Kleist and Ernest Becker, an electrician aboard the German steamship Friedrich der Grosse, tied up at Hoboken, where the bombs alleged to have been placed on various ships were partly manufactured.

BULGARIAN PATROL CROSSES GREEK BORDER

PARIS, April 27 .- A Bulgarian patrol penetrated the region of Kukush, in northeastern Greece, and carried off four Greek refugees, a Havas dispatch from Salonica says. Over the remainder of the front no actions are under way with the exception of skirmishes.

2000 HASTINGS STRIKERS RETURN TO WORK

HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, April 27 .- More than 2000 workers in the plants of the National Tube and Conduit Company here who have been on strike for higher wages and who voted yesterday to accept the company's offer of 2 cents an hour increase, returned to work today. Four companies of the National Guard called here to stop rioting in the streets and near the factories began to leave this morning. The company from Flushing, L. I., will remain on guard until Saturday morning, although there is no need for their presence.

PERU TO GET APOLOGY FOR McADOO'S FLIGHT

WASHINGTON, April 27 .- The State Department will send an apology to the Government of Peru if a protest is made against the unceremonious departure of Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo from Lima. The department will offer its assurance that no slight was intended. Neither the department nor the Peruvian Legation has received the protest reported sent to Washington as a result of the incident.

MEAT SIXTY CENTS A POUND IN BERLIN

LONDON, April 27 .- The Vorwaerts, of Berlin, is quoted in a Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam as saying that the most significant development of the Easter holidays for the people of Berlin was the steadily growing scarcity of meat. Housewives rushed from shop to shop, the Vorwaerts says, in order to obtain at least a piece of meat. Those who were able to buy pork, which is sold by the municipality at a relatively cheap price, went home happy, but there was dissatisfaction on the part of those who were compelled to buy the meat which sells for 3 marks (60 cents) a pound and also among those who went home empty handed.

DEMOCRATS UNABLE TO AGREE ON PHILIPPINES

WASHINGTON, April 27 .- Despite the reading of a letter from President Wilson urging favorable action on the Senate bill, the House Democrats, in caucus last night, failed to reach an agreement on the Philippine independence measure and took a receas until tonight, when attempts will be made to prevent a large number of Democrats from leaving the party reservation and jeopardizing the Philippine measure. There were reports last night that about 30 Democrats are now threatening to absolve themselves from the caucus action.

BOLIVIAN INDIANS SLAY AMERICAN ADVENTURER

BUENOS AIRES. April 27 .- Captain Fritz Duquesne, of New York, noted adventurer and soldier of fortunt, has been killed in a battle with Indiana on the Bollvian frontier. His command was dispersed by the attacking band, which captured all the supplies of the expedition. This is the first word regarding Captain Duquesne since he left New York in December, 1913, with a motion picture equipment to follow Coonel Theodore Receivelt into South America. His wife is said to have gone with him, but whether she has also been killed or is in South America has not been learned.

CRISIS SENDS SHIPPING SHARES DOWN IN BERLIN

LONDON. April 27 .- The Copenhagen correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company sends the following dispatch: "A semiofficial telegram from Berlin indicates that shipping shares have dropped to figures hitherto unknown. as a result of the crisis with America which is regarded as of the utmost gravity, though official circles continue to hope for an adjustment of the differences leaponsible German statesmen are continuing the asgotiations, a large number of telegrams being sent to and received from Washington daily,