PRICE ONE CENT

MAIL SEIZURES BY ALLIES WILL STOP, IS BELIEF

Washington Hopeful After Dispatch of Vigorous Protest on Practice

NOTE DEMANDS A HALT

Ships to Put in at Kirkwall Voluntarily for Search of Cargoes

The Washington Administration confidently expects from Great Britain and France an early and favorable response to its emphatic protest against the "unwarranted detention of ships for mail search purposes."

State Department officials today gave strong intimations that advance discussions with Ambassador Spring-Rice had given the impression that England would speedily comply with the America demands as formulated by the Administration and given out for publication late last night. This was made the more apparent by the an-nouncement that the British Ambassa-der had tried to head off the sending of the note by offering in outline concessions his country was willing to make.

Coincident with this attitude the in-

teresting announcement was made at Christiania late last night that hereafter the Norwegian-American steamships would enter Kirkwall voluntarily instead of causing international complications by trying to void search by evasion of the British authorities, this being one more illustration of the practices in regard to neutral commerce note to the Allied Powers strongly pro-

In the note addressed jointly to Great Britain and France, America demands that those Governments cease their interference with mails passing between the United States and other neutral countries.

The note questions the sincerity of Great Britain and France in their reply to the first American note protesting against interferences with the mails, quotes precedents established by both Governments, and announces that the present practices no longer will be

The note contains an outline of the disastrous results of the British and French policy to citizens of the United States. These include the loss of rare papers, such as patents, which cannot be duplicated, legal papers, regarding the settlement of estates, papers relating to legitimate business transactions, and even the money order lists of the United States Government itself.

The two Governments are admonished that only a radical change in the present policy, "restoring to the United States its full rights as a neutral Power, will satisfy this Government."

"ILLEGAL PRACTICE" U. S. CALLS MAIL INTERFERENCE AT SEA

WASHINGTON, May 27.-Early-and seizures protest to England and France is confidently expected by the Administration. Intimations today from State Department men were to the effect that advance discussions between Ambassador Spring-Rice and the Department had given the impression that England intended to comply with the American demands.

This was the more evident from the fact United States did not stipulate that the United States did not stipulate exact changes that must be made, but instead demanded only the generality—a radical change—in the Allies' policy. England knows, however, what terms the United States exacts, and as Sir Cecil has endeavered to head off the note it is presumed he has outlined concessions England is willing to make.

"LAWLESS PRACTICE."

The note was delivered to the British and French Ambassadors in Washington sevcall days ago and has been forwarded by cable to their respective Governments. It challenges the legality of the methods that have been followed by the British and French Governments, describes the "improper methods employed by the British and French Governments, describes the "improper methods employed by the British and French and French Court of the British and French Court of and French authorities in interrupting mails" as a "lawless practice" which can no longer be tolerated, and concludes with the declaration that "only a radical change in the present British and French policy, restoring to the United States its full rights As a neutral Power, will satisfy this Gov-

After pointing out that American com-mercial interests are being injured, that rights of property are violated, and rules of international law and custom-are "pal-lably disregarded" by the Angio-French policy of interference with neutral mails, the note says: policy of inter-the note says:

The Government of the United The Government of the United States, in view of the improper methods employed by the British and French authorities in interrupting mails passing between the United States and other neutral countries and between the United States and the enemies of Great Britain, can no longer tolerate the wrongs which citizens of the United States have suffered and continue to suffer through these methods. To sub-States have suffered and continue to suffer through these methods. To submit to a lawless practice of this character would open the door to repeated violations of international law by the belligerent Powers on the ground of military necessity, of which the violator would be the sole judge. Manifestly a neutral nation cannot permit its rights on the high seas to be determined by belligerents or the exercise of those rights to be permitted or denied arbitrarily by the Government of a warring nation. The rights of neutrals are as sacred as the rights of belligerents and must be as strictly observed.

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The Government of the United States,
confident in the regard for international law and the rights of neutrals which

THE WEATHER FORECAST

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For Philadelphia and vicinity—Un-settled tonight and Sunday, with prob-ably showers; gentle easterly winds.

LOST AND FOUND

N TERRIER lost answers came Vocale. M. Trops Topposit book No. 130450, with the West-

Other Loss and Found Ada on Page 17

WILD WEST INDIANS VISIT INDEPENDENCE HALL



Buffalo Bill's charges are shown here sitting immediately beneath the Ferris painting depicting the scene in Penn Treaty Park when William Penn signed the famous compact with the aborigines.

FRENCH DASH **REGAINS PART OF CUMIERES**

Fierce Attack Drives Ger- Ambassador to Berlin Says Yesterday's Performances mans From Section of Village

TEUTON ASSAULTS VAIN EXPECTS HOUSE VISIT LITTLE ENTHUSIASM

BERLIN, May 27,-German troops have penetrated the British position near Festubert, north of La Bassee canal, it was announced by the War Office today.

The official statement admits that the French penetrated the southern part of the village of Cumieres, on the left bank of the Meuse River.

East of the Meuse the Germans have reached the heights southwest of Thiaumont forest. The French attempted vainly to stem the German advance by a counter-attack which was repulsed.

South of Fort Douaumont two enemy attacks failed.

PARIS. May 27. Gains of great importance were made by the French in a series of savage assaults northwest of Verdun last night. French troops penetrated the German position in Cumieres on the left bank of the Meuse, recapturing part of the village

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RED MAN AND PALEFACE AT LIBERTY'S CRADLE

Sixteen Indian Braves, in War Apparel, Visit Independence Hall

The red man and the paleface met today inder the roof where Liberty was born. History was turned backward temporarily when 16 Indians stood around the picture of the Penn Treaty Elm in Independence Hall and murmured their approval as they heard the history of the famous tree around which Penn made the promise which was never broken.

As they stood with sombre faces about the painting, the braves seemed a part of the very picture itself.

The Indian guests, clad in full war togs, came from the 101 Ranch which breaks camp here tonight.

After hearing the story of the Treaty Eim, the Braves were presented with pieces of it decorated with American flags. Each took the souvenir with a spirit of reverence and tucked it into a safe pocket in his quili

They were then taken to the Liberty Bell and listened intently as Mr. Jordan told of

"It was a fight between palefaces," said "It was a fight between palefaces," said one of the braves in explaining it to his brother. Each of the red men touched the bell with a knowing nod of the head, showing that he was fully aware of the bloodshed and conflict which it stood for.

Chief Long Soldier, who with several other chiefs present was in the Custer fight, asked why the bell didn't ring,

"Him broke," said Chief Iron Cloud.
"Get him fix," said Long Soldier.

The braves appeared to be much crestfallen when it was sxplained that the bell could not ring again in its old place in the tower.

The Indians then gathered out on the laws of independence Square and held council, undoubtedly as many of their ancestors had done perhaps in the same spot one before Revolutionary times.

NEW PEACE HINT SEEN IN GERARD'S **MEDIATION TALK**

U. S. Now Is Free to Arbitrate

BERLIN, May 27 .- Considerable nificance is attached to an interview with James W. Gerard, the American Ambassaprinted in the Munich Gazette, in which Mr. Gerard is quoted as saying:

Now that concord exists between Germany and the United States fol-lowing submarine negotiations, the United States occupies an absolutely free position in the event she is asked to mediate in behalf of peace. An early peace is as important for neutrals as for the belligerents. It is believed that peace is on the way; it might be many weeks in coming or it might be only

weeks. It is widely reported that Colonel E. M. House, known as the 'personal envoy' of President Wilson, might make another trip to Europe soon, coming to Berlin on his round of visits, but there is no official confirmation of the report here. In this con-nection, however, there is a growing be-lief that if Colonel House does come abroad it will be in the interests of peace.

IMPATIENT AT WILSON. That powerful agencies are at work in favor of peace is becoming more and more evident. Official circles have made it plain that Germany is ready to open peace nego tiations today or tomorrow. To the bulk of Germany President Wilson would be acceptable as a mediator, but the expression is now frequently heard that "unless the American President takes prompt action the honor of bringing peace may go to some other Power." me other Power."

Recently there have been numerous exchanges between the German and Austrian Foreign Offices, and there is no doubt that both Governments are in accord on the question of peace. The possibility of early peace negotiations may have something to do with the Austro-Hungarian offensive against Italy, If the Austrians can roll the Italian soldiers back upon their own soil, she would be in a much better position to enter a peace congress. enter a peace congress.

As matters stand today, Allied troops are on the soil of the German Allies at only ree places: Asiatic Turkey, Galicia and istris. Although the Central Powers have lost their overseas colonies they have conquered, and hold three Kingdoms, not counting Poland, namely, Belgium, Serbia and Montnegro.

Although no one knows when peace will come, it is being predicted by some German editors that the negotiations will be held either in Stockholm or Madrid.

CHEER PLAN TO SEND TAFT TO EUROPE ON PEACE MISSION

Theodore Marburg Offers Suggestion at League Meeting

WASHINGTON, May 27.—A suggestion by Theodore Marburg, former U. S. Minis-ter to Belgium, that former President Taft be sent abroad at the proper time to line up the Allies in favor of a league to enforce peace meeting.

The demonstration stopped only The demonstration stopped only when chairman Taft arose and said he feared his efforts might be a burden.

Interest grew at today's sessions in the speech of the President tonight. It became known today the President will lay down what he believes will be the basic principles of a world peace. The fundamentals out of which peace may come and endure are expected to be freely discussed by the President during the 15 or 20 minutes he will talk.

He is expected to include in his address is idea he has expressed before—that a Continued on Page Four, Culumo Oce. Dateed.

FAST FINISHES **EXPECTED TODAY** IN TRACK MEET

Presage Lowering of Several Records

By TED MEREDITH

Captain Penn Track Team. BOSTON, May 27.—Yesterday was a day when the unexpected did not happen, but gave way to the expected. Cornell, in accordance with the dope which has beer used all season, came through strong in the trials, qualifying 18 men, which virtually gives them the championship title.

The white*jersey and red "C" will be en in every final today with the exception

This, as I said before, was expected, so it cannot be called the feature of the trials. The real feature was in Yale's placing 15 men yesterday who will be in the finals to-day. This was a big surprise to all, and, as things now stand, Yale seems to be the strong favorite for second place. Oid Ell placed men in every event except the ham-mer throw and quarter mile. The New Haven men are particularly strong in the field events, placing two men in the pole vault, two in the high jump, two in the broad jump, and one man in the shot-put. In the sprints Yale has four men, two in the half mile and two in the hurdles. Besides these men the Elis have the mile and two-mile events to help bolster up their

Two records were smashed yesterday

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CHALMERS VS. PFEFFER IN FIRST PHILLY GAME

15,000 Fans Crowd Park When Initial Half of Twin Bill Starts

By CHANDLER D. RICHTER PHILLIES' BALL PARK, May 27 .- Fif-

sen thusand spectators were on hand where the first game of the double-header between the Phillies and Brooklyn was startd today and ther was every indication that the largest crowd ever attending a game in this park would be on hand before the second contest started.

The park was crowded to its seating capacity during the world's series but there was no standing room where as today Business Manager Shettsline was prepared pack the men and allow standing room The bleachers were closed just as the game tarted and the stands were filling rapidly espite the threatening weather. The fact that the Phillies regained first place after having been trailing the Dodgers for almost a month brought out a crowd

that was the most enthusiastic of Manager Moran picked George Chalmers to do the whirling for the first game, with Eddie Burne catching. Chalmers is a warm-weather pitcher and is just rounding into form. Therefore, Moran believed that it was an ideal day to send the big spit-

It was an ideal day to send the nig spit-baller to the mound.

Manager Robinson surprised the Philis by sending Jeff Pfeffer, his star right-hander twirier, against the locais. Pfeffer pitched on Wednesday in St. Louis, shut-ting out the Browns with two hits, and it was not believed that he would pitch before

Monday.

Claude Cooper, the Phillies' new outfielder, prevented a sure home run by Myers, Brooklyn's centre fielder, in the first
inning when he made a spectacular catch
of a terrific drive off the bleacher wall is
deep centre Chalmers had no further
trouble in this inning, although Stengel was

LATEST SPORTS

BROOKLYN. 0 1 1 0 0 PHILLIES ... 3 0 0 0 0 Pfeffer and Meyers; Chalmer and Burns,

ATHLETICS. 1 1 0 WASHING'N.. 1 0

NATIONAL LEAGUE

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RIGGS BANKERS ACQUITTED OF PERJURY

WASHINGTON, May 27 .- Charles C. Glover, president; William J. Flather, vice president, and Henry H. Flather, former cashier of the Riggs National Bany, today were found not guilty of charges of perjury by a jury of the District of Columbia Criminal Court. The Government cannot appeal the case. The jury deliberated only nine notes. The defendants after shaking the hands of the jurors quickly left the court room.

PROHIBITION LEADER AND STUDENT DIE IN IOWA FIRE

OSKALOOSA, Iowa, May 27 .- Robert H. Williams, business manager of State College and secretary of the Prohibition party, and Harry Oakley, a freshman, were killed; George Minear and Howard Kelley, students, probably fatally injured and property damage to the extent of \$75,000 done by fire which today destroyed the College Hall.

ITALIAN SHIP OUT FROM NEW YORK, TORPEDOED

PARIS. May 21 -The Italian steamship Moravia, 2268 tons, bound from New York to Genoa with a cargo of flour, was torpedoed in the Mediterranean on Thursday without warning. A Havas dispatch from Port Vendres today stated that two French torpedoboats have arrived there, bringing 30 members of the Moravia's crew.

\$10,000,000 OIL COMPANY INCORPORATED

DOVER, Del., May 27 .- The Gasoline Corporation, to acquire oil lands and develop same and to re'ne, market and distribute crude oil, petroleum and all products thereof, was incorporated here today with a capital stock of \$10,000,000. The incorporators are Scott S. Baker, Clarence J. Jacobs and Harry W. Davis, Wilmington, Del.

STATE TROOPER KILLS MURDEROUS MANIAC

POTTSVILLE, Pa., May 27 .- When Troopers Banks and Miller. of the State Police, attempted to arrest a maniac at Duncott who had barricaded himself in a hut and had terrorized the community, he jumped upon Banks, overpowering him, and with a razor slashed the officer several times. Miller came to the rescue and shot dead the man as he was in the act of cutting the throat of Banks. The latter is in the hospital of this city in a critical condition.

MAN AND DAUGHTER HURT IN RUNAWAY

HAMMONTON, N. J., May 27 .- Thomas J. McMicking, 56 years old, and his daughter Elizabeth, 19 years, were injured here this morning, the former seriously, when their herse, becoming frightened at an autotruck, bolted around the turn at Triangle Park, upsetting the carriage in which tehy were riding and hurling the occupants to the hard road. McMicking's left hip was fractured.

EDWARD C. SMITH, NEW YORK, DIES ON WAY FROM FLORIDA

WASHINGTON, May 27 .- Edward C. Smith, of New York, died today while on his private car the "Klique," enroute from Florida to New York. His car was taken off the train when it arrived at Washington. Accompanying Mr. Smith were his wife, his brother, T. J. Smith, and a physician from Jacksonville, Fla. Coroner Nevitt, of Washington, viewed the body and issued a death certificate, giv-'ng the cause of death as pneumonia.

\$373,555 PLEDGED IN HOUR TO PEACE LEAGUE

WASHINGTON, May 27 .- A campaign to raise \$500,000 to earry on the propogunda of the League to Enforce Peace during the next 12 months was inaugurated today at the closing day's session of the league here. In icss than an bour \$373,500 was pledged. Am ug the centributers was Mrs. Mary A. Burnham, of Philadelphia, who gave \$2500.

DAVID H. LANE WARNS AGAINST ROOSEVELT

David H. Lane, chairman of the Republican City Committee, has sounded arning to Roosevelt supporters in the Pennsylvania National Convention. "President Wilson," Mr. Lane said, "is going to be a hard man to beat, for one thing, he has kept us out of war. Teddy has many good qualities, but he is much too prone to sudden explosions. The party this year needs a man conservative both in thought and action." Mr. Lane did not state his opinion of Justice Hughes, but apoke enthusiastically of the fitness es a candidate of Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, of Massa

AUSTRIAN AVIATORS KILL EIGHTEEN IN RAID ON BARI

LONDON, May 37.-Eighteen persons were killed and a score of others injured r an air said on Bari, on the Italian Adriatic count, according to a Router singulab from Rome. The victims were largely women and children, the disputch states.

"SLANDERER," CRY SENATORS TO BLAKSLEE

"Falsifier," They Tell Mauch Chunk Postmaster at "Lobby" Hearing

HE STANDS ON "RECORD"

Believes He Has Right to Tell the "Country What Is Done"

WASHINGTON, May 27 .- A demand on Postmaster General Burleson and President Wilson for the official head of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Blakeslee was considered this afternoon at a special meeting of the Senate Postal Committee, following stormy open session.

Evening Ledger Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, May 27 .- Face to face WASHINGTON. May 27.—Face to face with Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Blakslee, of Mauch Chunk, Pa., Democratic and Republican members of the Senate Committee on Postoffices and Post Roads today denounced the official as a "slanderer" and a "falsifier." Because he sent letters to postmasters in many parts of the country, declaring that "Congress has surrendered to the railroads." and urged them to protest to their Senators and Congressmen. Mr. Blakeslee was ordered to appear before the committee, and answer charges of having inspired a "lobby" on Congress. "On what do you base the claim that "On what do you base the claim that this committee has made a complete surrender to the railroads?" asked Senator Martine, of New Jersey.

"On the record," he fired back.

Mr. Blakslee then read four of the five points asked by the railroad which he claimed had been conceded.

"Your letter places every member of this."

"Your letter places every member of this committee in a most unenviable position." said Senator Martine. "It's damned un-"RIGHT TO TELL WHAT IS DONE."

"Do you regard your statements as within the grounds of honesty or decency?" Mr. Biakslee was asked. "I believe I have the right in or out of office to tell the country what is done." "And to organize a lobby of postmasters?" was asked.

was asked.
"I didn't organize a lobby. I did not dine these men. I didn't buttonhole members of Congress; I used no gum-shoe methods. Everything I did was open and above-"Do you regard it as decent to say Congress has surrendered to the railroads when every member of this committee, Republicans and Democrats alike, reparted favorably this bill?" asked Senator Vardaman, of Mississippi. "You put your judgment against that of all the Senators; you ought to have some sense of propriets.

ought to have some sense of propriety,
"You said," continued Senator Vardaman,
"that we surrendered to the railroads; Continued on Page Four, Column Three

'WORD OF WARNING' BY 'DAVE' MARTIN FOR PARTY PEACE

Tells Penrose-McNichol Men to Unite With Vare Faction

URGES SMITH AS LEADER

What "Dave" Martin Says to Penrose-McNichol Men

"I feel that a word of warning should be sounded to certain Republican leaders in this city."
"Party leaders must be loyal to their party or suffer the loss of pub-lic confidence."

"They must not permit their bitter personal feelings to warp their judgment, as was done in the recent primarics where an order was issued by certain leaders and an at-tempt was made to nominate a Democrat on the Republican ticket.

"I wish to emphasize the fact that future success of the Republican party in Philadelphia depends in a large degree upon the success of Mayor Smith and his administra-

"All Republicans who have the interest of their party and their city at heart will give them their loyal

and carnest support."5
"I propose to take my stand with the friends of the Mayor, to follow him and to support him, for I believe in him. My friends will do like-

A "word of warning" to the Penrone-McNichol leaders in Philadelphia to units with their factional enemies, the Varcs, in a harmonious Republican organization with Mayor Smith at its head was sounded to-day by David Martin, ex-Register of, Wills

day by David Martin, ex-Register of, Wills and a political power in the northeast.

Martin issued a formal statement in which he declared his alignment with the Vares and promised his support to the Smith administration. He called upon "cortain Republican leaders" likewise to line up behind the Mayor and took the Fenrose-McNichol leaders in the northeast to task for supporting Michael Honologe, a Democrat. for the Republican nomination for Congress in the 5th District against Peter E. Costello in the recent primary.

The Martin statement was the result of a conference held in Mayor Smith's since last Thursday. Besides David Martin there were present Congressman William S. Vers. Coroner William B. Knight, Jr., and the

Martin declared his allegiance to the Vares in the following declaration: "I perpose to take my stand with the friends of the Mayor."

"Now that the primaries are over, and all true Erpublicans are hoping to see a rounited pasty, a successful presidential campaign, the election of a Republican Congress and a situation which will mean the permanent paintenance of presperity and national integrity. I feet that a west of

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