NAVAL MILITIA OFF TO LEAGUE ISLAND FOR BATTLESHIP CRUISE

GERMANS UNABLE TO OUST RUSSIANS FROM RIVER:LINES

The Stokhod Proves to Be Teutons' Strongest Defense Before Kovel

HEAVY FIGHT FOR SVIDNIKI

Germany Alarmed Over Heavy Austrian Losses

BERLIN, July 15.—The position of the Austrians is regarded in Germany with profound anxiety. The military correspondent of the Frankfurter Zeitung writes: "Even west of Kolomea the Aus-

tro-Hungarians have not found sufficient strength to withstand the Russians. The interests, however, of the entire front now demand that the Austro-Hungarians soon make a halt, for even the most heroic courage of our troops can avail nothing if the adjoining positions are not

LONDON, July 15 .- The marsh-flanked Stokhod River continues to bar the Russian path to Kovel. Hardly 50 feet across at its widest point and fordable at several places along the curving line which the troops of General Brussiloff have held for a week, it has, nevertheless, proved so far to be the Teuton's most powerful defense against the Russian drive on the vital railroad centre of Volhynia.

The Russian artillery, lodged in the swampy ground on its right bank, has poured a deluge of iron and steel over its poured a deluge of fron and steel over its swiftly flowing current into the rudely con-structed breastworks of the Austrians and Germans. The Russian cavalry has swept forward in great waves and forced cross-ings at the point of the sabre. And on the heels of the Cossacks the Czar's infantry-men have surged forward time and time again in furious charges over rafts hastily transformed into crude but serviceable bridges.

TEUTONS HOLD STOKHOD BANK. But the Teutons continue to hold the left bank of the Stokhod, except at certain places where isolation nullifies any possible Russian advantage. At Svidniki a desper-ate battle is going on for the possession of the important bridgehead, the capture of which by the Russians would enable them to take the whole Teuton system of defenses on the left bank of the river under an enon the left bank of the river under an enfinding fire and probably would result in the speedy retirement of the defending forces to Kovel itself.

In the fighting along the rest of the Stok-hod line the Germans, heavily reinforced, re-crossed the river several times yesterday and fought a losing battle with the firmly intrenched Russians. At the same time the Germans launched an offensive near Sto-bychwa, northeast of Kovel, in the hope of diverting the attention of the Russians from the fighting along the Stokhod line. The at-tempt was unsuccessful, the Germans being driven back to their trenches by the heavy fire of the Russian guns.

GERMANS ATTACK NEAR STRIPA. West of the Stripa yesterday Austrian and German forces undertook a similar operation, with the purpose of easing the pressure on their lines in Volhynia. Their counter-attacks were repulsed with great losses, the Russians sweeping in 3200 pris-oners as the enemy's forces were rolled

General von Bothmer, with his army substantially bolstered up with troops trans-ferred from other sectors, is holding his lines in Galicia. The Russians again entered his first-line positions yesterday, but they were hurled back.

To the south the Austrians recaptured their old positions on the heights west of the upper Moldava. With Delatyn in the the upper Moldava. With Delatyn in the hands of the Russians, it is expected that the coming week will see the inauguration of a new drive on Kolomea and Lemberg from that direction.

RUSSIANS LAUNCH NEW OFFENSIVE IN CAUCASUS

Grand Duke Nicholas' Move West of Erzerum Endangers Turks' Bagdad Army

LONDON, July 15.—While on the Russian front the great battle of the Stokhod is still raging, with the issue remaining in the balance, the most important news from the Russian side is in regard to the operations in the Caucasus. The Grand Duke Nicholas reports continuous and substantial successes against the Turks and is apparently launching another great offensive in the region of Erzerum and Daiburt, aimed at the very heart of the Turkish Empire.



Lieut. Henry S. Austin is in charge of this detachment of the Philadelphia Division which mobilized at the 1st Regiment armory today. About 2000 men from various States will board ships

MARINES SAVED FROM HECTOR; COLLIER LOST

Ship's Company of 142 Rescued After Storm Off South Carolina

LANDED AT CHARLESTON

Vessel Breaks in Two After Captain Sends Wireless Call for Assistance

CHARLESTON, S. C., July 15.—Twelve officers, 70 men and 60 marines, all who were aboard the U. S. collier Hector when she sank early today, were landed this afternoon from the tug Wilmington and the lighthouse tender Cypress.

Three men were injured, two seriously, aboard the Hector during the storm. The chief engineer and one fireman were seriously hurt, and the ship carpenter's leg

The Hector was abandoned at 12:45 a. m seven miles northeast of Cape Romaine When last seen she was a wreck. FLASHED DISTRESS CALL

At 2:05 yesterday afternoon the Hector first flashed her distrees call, saying she was 14 miles south of Charleston with a list of ten degrees to starboard. Twenty minutes later she sent another S. O. S. with the cry "Believe we are sinking."

This steamship Alama immediately sped

The steamship Alamo immediately speto her assistance and was followed quickly by the tug Vigilant. Captain Hunt, of the latter vessel reported, however, that he was unable to get within three miles of the Hector and that static conditions pre-vented her from communicating with the Alamo by wireless Alamo by wireless

Just after the wireless telling that the Hector was sinking the collier flashed to the navy yard, "Crew to leave; send help." "BREAKING IN TWO."

Nothing further was heard until 3:55, when Captain Newell flashed "Hector aground ten miles southeast Charleston lightship. Breaking in two, Rush help." Ten minutes later the last message, "Send help at once," was sent the Alamo, which was standing by. Then the wireless failed. Immediately after the Hector's first dis-iress call at Charleston calls from the Arington, Va., radio station were heard, askng any vessel to go to the Hector's assist-

The Hector had left Port Royal for Santo-Domingo, carrying marine recruits for the latter place and Cuba. She attempted to put into port here, when the storm disabled her, but, according to Captain Hunt, was unable to get further than within nine and one-half miles of the Charleston lightship before sinking.

The Hector was built in 1908, one of the first of the new type of naval colliers. She was 383,9 feet long, 52,5 feet broad and had a draft of 24.5 feet.

Two other naval vessels were in th

storm that destroyed the Hector. destroyer Terry and the hospital ship Re-A successful Russian advance along this to anchor near the Charleston lightship and line would cut off the Turkish armies in the and escaped injury. They arrived south and again place Bagdad in jeopardy. Charleston today.

BULLETINS

BRITISH SEIZE MAIL FROM SHIP BOUND TO U. S.

BERLIN, July 15 .- An Amsterdam dispatch to the Overseas News Agency states that the Dutch steamship Maartinsdyk, bound to New York, was held up at Kirkwall by the British naval authorities and all her first-class mail selzed.

ITALIAN DESTROYER SUNK BY ENEMY SUBMARINE RERLIN, July 15 .- An Italian destroyer of the Indomito type was sunk last

Monday afternoon by an Austrian submarine, according to an official statement from the Austrian Admiralty received here today.

PNEUMATIC TUBE SERVICE TO CONTINUE

The pneumatic mail tube service in this city is to be retained, at least for the present year by the action of the Senate committee, which makes mandatory upon the Postmaster General to use an appropriation of \$976,000 to continue the contracts in Philadelphia, New York, Chicago and St. Louis,

CONGRESS MAY SPEND BILLION AND THREE-QUARTERS WASHINGTON, July 15 .- Estimates made by the House Appropriations Com-

mittee indicate that the total appropriations and authorizations for the session will aggregate nearly a billion and three-quarters of dollars. The total annual expenditures for the last few years have averaged about a billion.

ASKS JUDGE BROWN FOR INSURANCE ACCOUNTING

President Judge Charles L. Brown, of the Municipal Court, has been ordered by Judge Kunkel, president judge of the Dauphin County Court, to show cause why he has not made an accounting of his receivership of the defunct Quaker City Mutual Fire Insurance Company. Charles S. Wood, an attorney who made the amnouncement of the order, said the petitioner was Edwin Garrett, a policy holder of the campany. Judge Brown denounced the action as a political scheme to injure him.

IRISH M. P. ARRAIGNED IN LONDON

LONDON, July 15 .- L. Ginnell, an independent Irish Nationalist member of Parliament, was arraigned in Bow street court today charged with obtaining enfrance to the Knutzford detention barracks under false pretenses and held for further investigation. He was allowed to go free on ball. Mr. Ginnell represents Westmouth North in Commons Mr. Ginnell was arrested this morning under the defeate of the realm act. Detectives testified that they found the Member of Comseate of a certain camp and passing under the name of "McFintle," asking for permission to see Irish prisoners. Mr. Ginnell protested against his arrest, declarof that the use of the name "Mortnie" gus not a subterfuge because it was the Casto for films it. He said the whole think could be easily explained.

HAY, MILITIA CHAMPION, **GOES TO CLAIMS COURT**

Chairman of House Military Committee Appointed Judge by President

WASHINGTON, July 15.—President Wil-on today aroused Washington from its heat prostration by nominating James Hay, chairman of the House Military Commit-tee, to the Court of Claims bench. He succeeds Associate Justice Atkinson, re-

cently realgned.

No appointment since Louis D. Brandels was named to the Supreme Court caused uch surprise.

such surprise.

Army officers were openly jubilant over the appointment, since Hay and the army General Staff have always been at logger-heads over the questions of the size, formation and administration of the army. Hay has been the consistent champion of the militia. He introduced the Hay military bill

The appointment of Hay makes Congressman S. Hubert Dent, Jr., of Alabama, ranking member and probable new chairman of the Military Committee. Dent is serving his fourth term. His championing of the National Guard has been less emphylic than Hay's phatic than Hay's. Although Hay's militia championing brought him much criticism, he was most

sitterly denounced by his political opponents for inserting in the army bill a provision which he admitted created a position for n old friend and political ally.

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The Hay appointment means that a bill now in Congress to reduce the number of Court of Claims Judges from five to three, will not go through. In this court are decided all claims for dismages against the United States except for pensions. Hundreds of millions in suits are decided yearly. The only appeal from its decided yearly. The only appeal from its decision

"HOLD-UP" MEN BATTER VICTIMS

One Attempted Robbery at 8th and Market Streets-Other in South Philadelphia

Two men are in hospitals today, one of them suffering from a fracture of the skull and internal injuries, and the other suffering from many bruises and cuts as the result of attacks by hold-up men.

Gettlieb Youngman, 42 years old, 2527 South 2d street, is in Mount Sinai Hospital and may die because of an attack by five highwaymen at 2d and Porter streets at o'clock this morning. The men censed because he had no money.

Fred Kull, 45 years old, a contracting rayman of 522 Locust street, is in the Roosevelt hospital, severely bruised and cut. He was lured into a house at 5th and Market streets by two men, one of whom held a gun against his face while the other heat him with the butt of a pistol. He was wear ing a diamond ring and carried a sum o money which the hold-up men failed to take because an accidental explosion of the pistol frightened them into flight.

The five men believed to have attacked Youngman were taken from a house at 3d and Porter streets by the police. They were arraigned this morning before Magistrate Baker on charges of highway robbery and aggravated assault with intent to kill, and held for a hearing Friday.

KNIFE REFORMS MURDERER BY REMOVING PIECE OF BONE

Sullen Prisoner Made Gentle by Operation

TRENTON, N. J., July 15 .- A small piece f bone pressing against the brain of Jame. Szikely was removed by Dr. Martin W. Reddan, visiting physician to the State penitentary here, and Szikely is today not

only a kind, happy, carnest man, but he has no remembrance of the murder he com-The history of the strange case became public when the New Jersey Court of Par-

public when the New Jersey Court of the Period of the State prison on parole. Heleased from the State prison on parole. Be-fore the operation was performed, he was suiten, rebellious and vicious. For weeks after Doctor Reddan had bored into his skull he hovered between life and death. When he began to improve he was a dif-ferent man. ferent man.

The court acted favorably on more than 100 other applications for pardons, but re-fused to free Raymond E. Smith, defaulting cashier of the Roseville Bank.

RUNAWAYS' BED IN VESTIBULE Cop Disturbs Nap of Youthful Soldiers of Fortune

Huddled in a vestibule. George Schweitze. It years old, 2309 North Philip street, and Cacar Kribbs, 14 years old, 2355 North 6th street, were found sound asleep today by Polloeman Golcher. In the cost pocket of young Schweitzer was a loaded revolver.

The boys were taken to the Park and Le-high avenues station and told Sergeant Perry they had planned to go to New York and search for work. When darkness set in last night, the boys said, they became tired and decided to rest in the vestibule before continuing their fourney. They will have a hearing in the Juvenile Court this afternoon.

Police Band Earned \$26,506 The audited accounts of the receipts and expenditures for the police band concert

May 5 and 6, at Convention Hall, were sub-mitted this morning to Director of Public Safety Wilson. They show receipts of \$23,637 and expenditures of \$3137, seaving \$26,500 to be turned into the police pan-sion fund.

8000 NAVAL MILITIA BRITISH PUSH TO 3D LINE; **BEGIN ANNUAL CRUISE** Continued from Page One ON U.S. BATTLESHIPS

Eight Giant Vessels Will Carry the Men of Many States on Tour of Instruction in Seamanship

STRATEGY AND MANEUVER

The first group of the 8000 young men who are to take part in the annual cruise of the Naval Militia left League Island at noon today on board the Rhode Island and the Chicago. The other groups gathered from 10 States will leave today and tomorrow on 6 United States battleships.

The purpose of the cruise, which will be erminated on July 29, is to train those enrolled in the elements of seamanship and naval science. Instruction will be provided in strategy

and maneuvering, and target practice will be an important part of the course. The battleships Chicago and Rhode Island sailed first today from the Philadelphia Navy and and the Illinois and Alabama will follow this afternoon or temorrow morning. The militia of Maryland and Illinois will be The militia of Maryland and Illinois will be aboard the Alabama; aboard the Illinois will be the men of Michigan, South Carolina, Washington, D. C., and 38 men and two officers of the Naval Militia of Pennsylvania; aboard the Rhode Island will be the men of Minnesota, Missouri and Ohio and 48 men and two officers of this State. A hundred men were on the Chicago, with the 2d battalion of the New Jersey Militia. Two thousand naval militiamen will sait Two thousand naval militiamen will sall from this city. The recruits will also sall today and tomorrow from Boston, Hampton Roads and New York. The largest number, about 3000, will sail from the latter port. The entire undertaking will be under the general command of Rear Admiral Helm, of the Atlantic reserve ficet. Regular sailors and naval officers will also participate in the cruise, as is usual in such expeditions.

All the ships excepting the Chicago will head for Block Island after passing through the Delaware Breakwater. They will subsequently move out to sea, thence to Newport for a two-day stay, during which time shore leave will be permitted. They will then head for their own respective ports. The Chicago will cruise off the Delaware Breakwater until July 24. After that date the vessel will sail for Hampton Roads. Men of the Ilinois and Rhode Island will

in the meanwhile have been transferred to the Chicago. Two divisions of the militiamen of Eric and thereabouts arrived at Broad Street Station at 7:45 o'clock this morning, to be conveyed to League Island in chartered cars. At the same hour the militiamen of this vity mobilized at the 1st Regiment Armory, Broad and Callowhill streets, and they, too, were taken in cars to the Navy

Austin and H. C. Mclivaine, Jr. MILK TO ADVANCE TO 9 CENTS A QUART

assistants will be Lieutenants Henry S.

ers in Philadelphia who buy milk from the Interstate Milk Producers' Association Many paid the organization's increase, but But they now say it is impossible to con tinue selling at 8 cents a quart.

rising wages of labor and the lack of laborers. Many of their employes are quitting to accept jobs in the munition plants of Eddystone and Remington. Rents have advanced. The price of ice has gone up. Feed has risen in cost.

"In fact," said Reuben A. Cadwalader of 5833 Wayne avenue, a retail dealer in Germantown, "there are very few dealers who have shown any livable profits in the last three years. It is impossible for us to earn a good profit when we have to pay so much for ice, rent and labor. Probably 350 dealers quit business in the last two years because of this. The average consumer knows little of our hardships This is not the first time the farmers have asked an increase. They demanded one not very long ago. We will have to charge our customers more eventually."

Leo G. Balzereit, a milk dealer, of 723
Parrish street, was of the same opinion.
He said the consumer must bear the additional cost or else drive so many dealers

out of business that there will be a short-age of milk supply in Philadelphia. Dr. Thomas Kelly, of William Kelly & Sons, 12th and Pine streets, president of the Philadelphia Milk Exchange, contended that Philadelphia has been getting a better grade of milk at a lower price than other

"Washington, Baltimore, New York and ther cities." he said, "have been paying and 10 cents a quart for milk for some ime. Philadelphia has been getting a bet-

The Philadelphia Milk Exchange, said Doctor Kelly, has not discussed the increase in price demanded by the farmers. The organisation never talks prices, but was formed to improve sanitary conditions of the places of dealers, he asserted the places of dealers, he asserted.

The Interstate Milk Producers' Associa-tion gives its reason for raising the price, explaining that the railroads have made it necessary by increasing freight rates. The contention is that freight charges have in-preased from 70 to 100 per cent. In the last

Mrs. John R. Kauffman Dead LANCASTER, Pa., July 15.—Mrs. John R. Kaufman, sister of Judge Charles I. Landis. President Judge of the Lancaster County Courts, died last evening, aged 65 years. Her father was the late Jesse Lan-dis, a member of the Lancaster bar. Miss Mathiida B. Landis, of Fniladelphia, is a

2000 GERMANS TAKEN

There are also large quantities of war

materials in our hands.

The reference to the advance made by
the rear from Fricourt to Mametz emphasized the gains made by the British in the fighting yesterday. The first and second British lines apparently have advanced well beyond Mametz, with the third running through the wood where desperate fighting occurred.

No important new gains since the issu-

ance of last night's official statement were claimed, nor were they expected. Un-official dispatches from the fronts had re-ported that heavy German counter-attacks had slowed up the momentum of the nev advance, though the British were main-taining the positions captured yesterday.

The British encountered most stubborn resistance after breaking through the Ger-man second line and were met by steady sheets of machine gun fire in the district north of Longueval. Notwithstanding this determined opposition the British troops continued to consolidate their positions and break down small German positions in fighting that continued well into the night.

The newly conquered positions, in some cases on the slopes of rolling hills whose ridges are held by the Germans, are being made ready for defense against even stronger enemy attacks.

The Germans poured a hot artillery fire more the southern frames of the willess. upon the southern fringe of the village of Ovillers throughout yesterday's fight-ing after most of the town itself had fallen into British hands. Correspondents at the British front reported hundreds of bodies lie buried beneath the ruins of the

Unofficial dispatches from the front this morning stated that the Germans have re-tired to the Combles-Guillemont-Albert

GERMAN ATTACKS ON BOTH BANKS OF MEUSE CRUSHED: ARTILLERY ACTION INTENSE

PARIS, July 15. Powerful attacks were launched last night by the Germans against French positions along the entire Verdun front, but, according to the official communique of the War Office today, all were repulsed.

On both sides of the Meuse German troops in huge masses were flung forward against the French lines.

were delivered against the French in Avo court wood in the sector of Vaux, in Chapitre woods and in Apremont forest.

Despite the vigor with which the attacks were pressed forward all broke down under the galling fire of the French infantry and machine guns and curtain bombardments from French artillery.

In the sector of Fleury, north of Fort Souville, there was a bombardment of the utmost intensity.

The text of the official communique fol

On the left bank of the Meuse German grenade attacks upon one of our trenches northeast of Avocourt redoubt was repulsed. On the right bank the artillery battle was intense at all times. In the sector of Fleury we dispersed with our rifle are several reconneitering parts. In Vaus Chapitre wood and Apremont forest several German attacks were checked

BERLIN ADMITS BRITISH ADVANCE NEAR POZIERES AND TRONES WOOD LOSS

by our curtains of fire.

BERLIN, July 15.—The British drive launched north of the Somme at dawn on Friday has been stemmed, the German of-fice states in its official report today. However, it is admitted that the British enetrated the German lines at Pozieres and cceeded in occupying Trones woods.

Pozieres lies north of Contaimaison where the Albert-Bapaume highway is in tersected by the road running in a south

BOY HELD ON SEVERAL CHARGES Accused of Assault and Battery, Carrying Concealed Weapons and

Mayhem

Trones wood is about two miles west of

Magistrate Harris today in hearing the charges against 17-year-old Michael Raionce, 5331 Hazel 'avenue, learned that the boy carried a revolver, an open knife of unusual length and a pocket flash lamp

Thomas Gilson, 860 North 47th street the prosecutor, named in his charges as-ault and battery, carrying concealed deadly weapons and mayhem.

The boy was held without ball for

Kennedy, the defective who made the arrest today at 52d street and fiazel avenue, said the boy had been arrested several times before on different charges.

Gilson is a huckster. For some days he has been missing cantaloupes from his wagon, which he left at the corner while he cried his wares through the neighbor-hood. Teday he took his father along to When he returned he found his watch. When he returned he found his father grapping with the youth who was accused of being the one who took the fruit. The young huckster took the hoy off his father's hands, and in the struggle, it was testified, the revolver came to light, as did the knife. Gilson was bitten in the hand, and had the wound cauterized at the West Philadelphia Homeonathic Homeira. West Philadelphia Homeopathic Hospital.

British Steamship Reported Sunk LONDON, July 15 -A report to Lloyd's says the British stoamship Sylverton has

GERMAN PAPER GIVES LIE TO AUSTRIAN STAFF IN SHARP REPRIMAND

Antagonism Between Central Empires Shown by Arrogant Attitude of Prussian Papers on Austrian Rout

FRONT BECOMES BACK

ROME, July 15. Political circles here and newspapers show a great deal of interest in the rumor of an early elimination of Austria-Hungary from the war, which they consider as the exponent of the desire of Austrian and Hun garian statesmen to shake the weight of German control over the Vienna and Buda pest Governments, which has been main tained ever since the war started.

The Tribuna, which is one of the leading papers here, says:

Those who recall the discussions of the last session of the Hungarian Cham-ber and the reproaches then made by Count Tisza against the Austrian Government and general staff, of not giving due credit for the services rendered by the Magyars, as well as the discussions which arose from his state-ments at that time, will understand that the Magyars today are adopting the tone of masters and are aiming at the ancient dream of removing to Budapest the centre of the political life of the empire, with the threat of struggles between the two States vastly greater than any which raged in the past.

But even greater interest is shown in sharp discussions which have been going on for some time between German and Austrian papers. The Vienna Tag wrote a few

In Bukowina our troops have been forced back on both wings, to the south after fights, to the north without battle. In order to explain the slow development of these stupid statements of outside newspapers we would remark that our soldiers and the German troops struggling by their side know, as well never hitherto has any one been able to resist attacks delivered with such power as these. The Russians have thrown into the field of battle colossal

GIVES LIE TO AUSTRIAN STAFF. The Frankfurter Zeitung sharply replies The Austrian General Staff is right in abandoning unfavorable positions, but, then, why did it announce continuous victories, and why did it give to the public illusions which it is now obliged to take away? In the newspapers of neutral countries there is clearly re-vealed the belief that the forces of the Central Empires, lavished on multiple and incomplete offensives, are no longer sufficient for a simultaneous action on all the fronts.

When the Austrian press published a complete explanation of the reason for the recent rectification of the front, or retirement of the Austrian line which had ad-vanced into Italy, the Frankfurter Zeitung

It is regrettable that the correspondents who are stationed at the Austrian General Headquarters could not telegraph the news with regard to the rec tification of the front which was freely published in the neutral press. It is o be supposed that our friends are endeavoring to picture the situation in optimistic colors. This system, however, as can be seen in the present case, has its inconveniences. Our mili-tary situation is sufficiently good to allow us not to minimize disagreeable

And the Milan Corriere della Sera, comnenting on the discussion, writes: The German newspapers, which are making it a point to be coarse and disagreeable in their statements with regard to the Austrian ally, are not minor or unimportant newspapers. They are leading newspapers and they direct atention to the fact that the Austrians are everywhere being routed, while the Germans oppose a valid resistance to their enemies.

CHARTER COMMITTEE NAMED

Will Prepare Revision or Amendment of the Bullitt Plan-Named by Chairman Winston

Plans for the suggested revision or

amendment of the Bullitt charter will be prepared by a subcommittee, which has been announced by John C. Winston, chairman of the General Committee on Revision of the Philadelphia Charter. The appointment is the result of suggestions made a week ago at a meeting of the General Committee in the Chamber of Commerce. The following were named to comprise the

Thomas Resburn White, chairman; coun sel for the Committee of Seventy. James Collins Jones, representing the Chamber of Commerce.

Charles L. McKeehan, secretary of the State Board of Law Exaciners. Joseph P. Gaffney, chairman of the Pinance Committee of City Councils; Vare leader.

Clinton Rogers Woodruff, former chair-man of the Board of Registration Commis-George W. Norris, former Director of the

Frederick P. Gruenberg, director Bureau of Municipal Research. John C. Winston ex officio; chairman of the Committee of Seventy.

U. S. RULES U-BOAT A MERCHANT SHIP: ALLIES TO DEMUR

Each German Trader, However, Must Be Separately Examined

TRIP DIPLOMATIC TEST

WASHINGTON, July 15.—The German supersubmersible Deutschland is strictly a merchantman and not a war vessel, according to the ruling made today by acting Secretary of State Polk. The decision is based on the reports of the Baltimore Customs Collector and naval experts who examined the subsea craft.

The official announcement follows: "In view of the facts of this particular case I see no reason to declare the Deutschland a ship of war. (signed) Frank L. Polk, Acting Secretary of State."

Ing Secretary of State."

Mr. Polk pointed out, however, that the Deutschland was one specific case and that no general precedent was being established by his ruling. He intimated that if other German submarines of the Deutschland type arrived in American ports each one would have to be considered separately before being accepted by this Government as a merchantman.

The acting Secretary stated that he would make no formal report to the Treasury Department on the case, but would simply communicate to it his view that the De tschland should be treated as a mer-chant vessel. Mr. Polk said he saw no reason now why the submarine could not clear from Baltimore whenever its commander desired.

Immediate action is expected to be taken by the British and French Embassies in the case, now that the State Department has handed down 'ts decision. Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, British Ambassador, has come to the city from Wood's Hole, Mass., and it is understood his visit was made solely to take up the Deutschland case. At the Embassies today it was stated that there was nothing to be said on the decision. It was not denied, however, that additional protests will be lodged with the

LEAVES NEXT WEEK.

Following the favorable ruling by the

State Department, activity on the wharf, where the Deutschland is docked, indicated that its departure would be hastened. that its departure would be hastened.

However, she will not get away from Baltimore this week. Every effort was being made yesterday to have the submersible loaded with its cargo of nickel and rubber by tonight. The rubber was being carried aboard in large boxes—the boxes alone weighing 75 pounds each. Today it was found that in order to get the large cargo aboard and to lessen the weight it would be necessary to load the rubber would be necessary to load the rubber loose. A large force was set to work break-ing the boxes from around the rubber al-ready stored on the ship and the remainder

of the cargo is being carried aboard loosely. WILL GIVE FOES NOTICE.

Apparently there is no intention on the part of the owners or officers of the craft to throw any secrecy around the vessel's sched-ule. The utmost confidence is apparent in German circles that the Deutschland will manage to elude the British and French warships said to be exercising a strict patrol off the coast of the Virginia Capes.

This confidence is felt so strongly by the

ship's officers that its captain, Paul Koenig, has publicly informed the British and French Embassies that he will give them no-tice when he weighs anchor. British and French agents are maintain-ing a close vigil in Baltimore, and the exact hour of departure of the vessel will be

flashed to the waiting warships at sea the oment she leaves the dock.

WARSHIPS IN WAITING. The utmost secrecy is being maintained in the French and British Embassies as to the naval preparations undertaken to in-tercept the German boat. It has been unofficially reported that the British Navy has detached a strong force of fast cruisers and speedy torpedoboats to patrol the prob-

able course the submarine will take. The situation is filled with many diplo-matic possibilities that may yet embroil the merican Administration the Alli Powers. The United States has recognized the Deutschland as a merchant vessel and, as such, the craft is entitled to the protection of international law. Under this law such a vessel cannot be attacked or sunk without an opportunity to disclose her peaceful character.

The delicacy of existing circumstances is found in the fact that both the British and French Governments have declined to accept the American ruling with regard to the Deutschland. Both the British and French Ambassadors have filed with the State De partment the formal contentions of their Governments that they must regard all submarines as essentially war craft. Under such a contention, British and French warships would be ordered by their Govern-

MAY REOPEN ISSUE.

There is a growing conviction that Germany is about to enter again on her campaign of unrestrained submarine raiding. This impression is strengthened by word from Germany that Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg is rapidly being undermined by the extremists of the Von Tirpits school and that his restraining influence may soon be lost. It is because of his conciliatory attitude toward this Government that the Chan-cellor now finds himself in a position which,

according to all reports, is rapidly becom-ing untenable. It is recognized fully by all reports, that if the Chancellor is overthrown the United States will lose a fair and unclased friend and the entire submarine question, with all its grave complications, may Touring Car Wrecked on Chestnut St.

A heavy touring car was demolished be-yond repair at 11th and Chestnut streets early today in a collision with a newspaper delivery wagon, owned by George Buckley, of 621 Reed street. Roy Walker, 2130 North 12th street, driver of the automobile, and Isaac Novak, 500 South 13th street, who was in the delivery wagon, were thrown out. They were cut, but not seriously hurt. Walker was taken to the 11th and Winter streets police station after being treated at the Jefferson Hospital, on the accusation of reckless driving and driving without a licenae.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION HELP WANTED-FEMALE COOK and downstairs work. 2818 Bryn Mawr ave. Bala. Phone Cynwyd 182 J. GIRL over 16 years wanted for light work; no experience necessary: 15 west paid while learning. Apply 810 N. 32d st.

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