

THE PLANTERS READY TO FORTIFY DELAWARE

Powerful Explosives Could Be Strewn in River in Twenty-four Hours

THREE FORTS PREPARED

Soldiers No Longer Have Leave of Absence—Guardmen Called Home

Everything is reported in readiness for defense of the Delaware River in event of a war. In addition to the great activity at the League Island Navy Yard...

ALL FORTS PREPARED The huge guns, mortars and torpedo batteries at Fort Du Pont, Fort Mott and Fort Delaware are said to be in first class working order...

The Pennsylvania Shipbuilding Company, of Philadelphia, and the Eagle Steel Company, of Pottsville, were among the companies which offered to make a donation to the Government...

GUARDMEN ON THEIR TOES Officers of the National Guard in this city have announced that virtually every guardman in the State is ready to respond almost instantly should he be received for the mobilization of the militia.

The preparations for equipping the guardmen in "double-quick" time have been under way for several days past.

The battleship Albatross was towed today by her berth in the back channel of the navy yard...

Signs were placed today at various points of the German village bearing the notice: "Government property—trespassers liable to be fired on."

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Steady increases in the daily enlistment figures to the army and navy have been reported. Announcement also has been made that should war be declared between the United States and Germany...

Two British steamships took out clearance papers today. They are the Manchester Merchant, loading shells at Point House wharf, for Manchester, and the Dominion, with a general cargo for Liverpool.

WAR ORPHANS are to be cared for with money raised at the annual bazaar and fair of the French Protestant Episcopal Church of St. Sauveur. Twenty-second and De Lancey streets, which begins this afternoon.

DOCTORS HOPE TO SAVE NOTED AVIATOR'S LIFE Mrs. C. Kendrick Said to Be Slowly Improving—Friends Look for Recovery

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Feb. 8.—Doctors here for the first time in two weeks today held out hopes for the recovery of Beryl C. Kendrick, aviator of this city and Palm Beach, Fla., and one of the promoters of the Philadelphia-Atlantic City Aerotrain Line.

THE LOYALTY CHORUS of the German-American Y. W. C. A. will entertain in a concert tonight in the auditorium of that branch. Numerous selections from operas and several solos will be rendered.

STAND OF U. S. ON JEOPARDIZING OF AMERICAN LIVES BY U-BOATS

THE following extract from the note to Germany of April 18, 1916, in the Sussex case is considered the keynote of this Government's attitude toward the jeopardizing of American lives on peaceful merchant steamships by submarine attacks without warning:

Again and again no warning has been given; no escape even to the ship's boats allowed those on board. Great liners like the Lusitania and Arabic and mere passenger boats like the Sussex have been attacked without a moment's warning, often before they have even become aware that they were in the presence of an armed ship of the enemy...

GERMANY HOLDS U. S. ENVOY AS HOSTAGE FOR BERNSTORFF

Foreign Office, has not yet been approved, despite the fact that other correspondents have been officially granted permission to remain. Ambassador Gerard announced today that he would not leave unless the American correspondents and other American citizens also could leave.

PLANS OF AMERICANS CAUGHT IN GERMANY The following Americans have signed the registry book in the Berlin office of the United Press, indicating their decision to leave or remain in Germany:

- JACQUES MAYER and family, New York; remaining. MARGARET GLENN, Governor's Island, N. Y.; remaining. DR. ELLIOTT LYONS, New York; going to Copenhagen. ARTHUR BATES and family, New York; going to Copenhagen. W. H. OWEN, New York; going to Copenhagen. FLEMING HIGGINS, New York; going to Holland. O. W. FOX, Brooklyn, N. Y.; remaining. FRANK HALL, Saratoga, N. Y.; going to Switzerland. FRED W. RENTE, Detroit; going to Denmark. A. C. SHEARER, Springfield, O.; going to Copenhagen. A. W. HENNING, Chicago; going to Copenhagen. ANDREW FORESELL, Titusville, Pa.; going to Copenhagen. OSCAR M. PLUG, Florida; going to Switzerland. A. BIENENWALD AND WIFE, Hamilton, Ont.; remaining. FRANCES MACINTOSH, New York; remaining. LILLIAN GOLDMAN, New York; remaining. MRS. BETTIE COHEN, New York; remaining. STELLA FARLOW, West Bend, Wis.; remaining. ARTHUR H. VANWEYK AND FAMILY, West Bend, Wis.; remaining. PAUL W. PETERS AND WIFE, West Bend, Wis.; remaining. J. GUSTAVE WHITE, San Francisco; returning home, route unspecified. LOUIS AND KATHERINE HOFFMAN, Chicago; returning home, route unspecified. C. LIONEL MARCAS and wife, New York; returning home (route unspecified). LEWIS W., ELIZABETH and NINA DUNN, New York; returning (route unspecified).

ARTHUR G. ABRECHT, New York; returning (route unspecified). LOUISE WOLFGERS, New York; returning (route unspecified). ARTHUR JAMES, Milwaukee; returning home (route unspecified). JAMES VANWEYK, Milwaukee; returning home (route unspecified). ADAIR HICKMAN and wife, Chicago; returning home (route unspecified). J. S. KENNARD, Jr., New York; going to Switzerland. SOLIEE SPIEGEL, no address; going to Switzerland. MABEL JACOBS, Minneapolis; remaining at Leipzig. J. C. OSBORN and wife, Brooklyn; remaining. AGNES SCHNEIDER, Brooklyn; remaining. OSCAR KING DAVIS (newspaper correspondent) and family, Rochester, N. Y.; going to Switzerland. PHILIP M. POWERS AND WIFE, Boston; going to Switzerland. JAMES O'DONNELL BENNETT (correspondent of the Chicago Tribune) and wife; remaining.

FUNDS BEING FURNISHED TO "STRANDED" The American Embassy and American consulates throughout Germany are crowded with American citizens seeking information and advice. Great numbers found themselves with insufficient funds with which to pay passage home or to neutral countries, and this has added to the burdens of Gerard and his staff.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Admitting that messages telling of Ambassador Gerard's virtual detention also contained information that other Americans were delayed in Berlin, the State Department today said that matters undoubtedly would be satisfactorily adjusted at once.

The French Government, acting for all the Entente Allies, today notified the State Department that it had granted safe-conduct for Bernstorff. This, officials said, will end all delay in Berlin.

Official messages showed that the safe-conduct for Bernstorff, plus excitement of placing guards on German ships in American harbors, constituted the basis for delaying passports for Gerard, his staff, newspapermen and other Americans.

The department had word from Ambassador Willard today explaining that his message of yesterday saying he had heard from Gerard in Berne, Switzerland, was erroneous. Willard said his message came from Berlin via Berne.

State Department officials said, "It is only a matter of a little time until the whole situation will be straightened out."

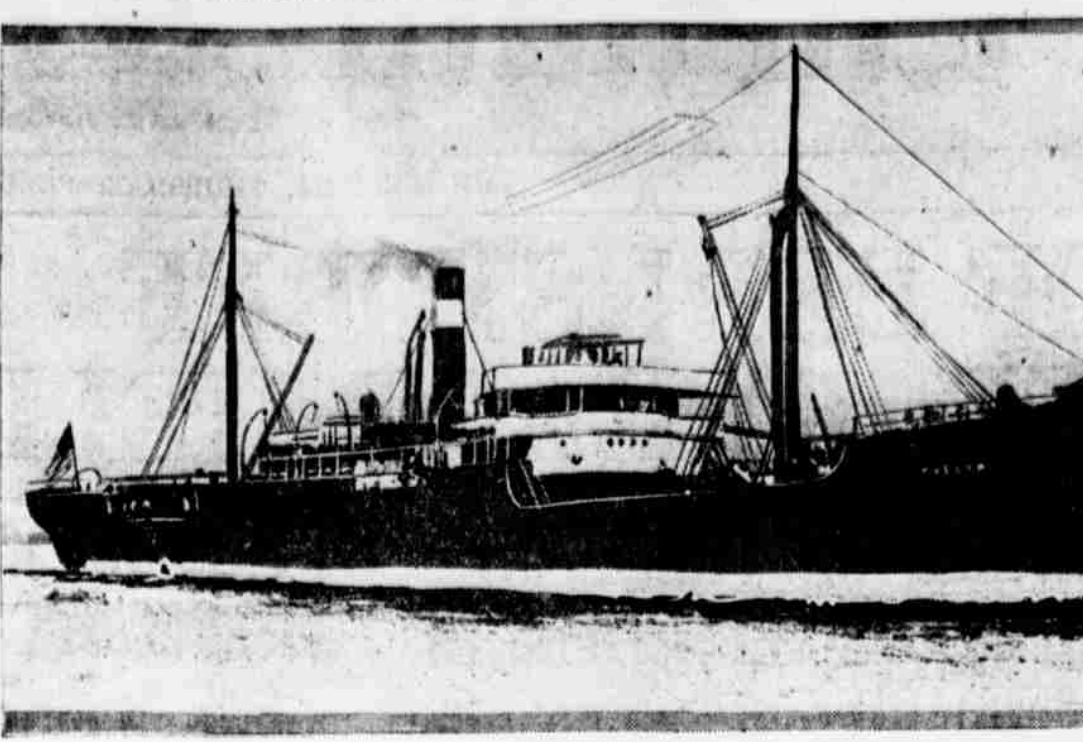
AMERICA OFFERS NO INTERFERENCE WITH BERNSTORFF'S PLANS TO LEAVE WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—When Count von Bernstorff puts to sea next week aboard the Frederick VIII, probably next Tuesday, banished by this Government because of his Government's course, his wife, an American-born woman, will be exiled with him.

RETAIL GROCERS' ASSOCIATION OF Philadelphia held its thirty-fifth annual banquet in Scottish Rite Hall, Broad and Race streets, about 1200 members and their families were present.

MICHAEL FRANCIS DOYLE has received notification of his appointment as counselor for the Federation of American Peace Societies. He will leave for Washington today to arrange a meeting there next Monday.

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PHILADELPHIA SHIP FIRED ON BY MISTAKE



Through a misunderstanding in signals, the Brazilian battleship Minas Geraes nearly hit the Evelyn, of the Philadelphia and South American Steamship Corporation, while she was off the port of Rio de Janeiro. The Evelyn sailed from Philadelphia January 8 with a cargo of gold and American-made products.

FEAR OF WAR DRIVES GERMANS TO SUICIDE

Philadelphia and Camden Men End Lives After Brooding Over Situation

Worry over the possibility of war between the United States and Germany caused two Germans to kill themselves today. They were Herman Wistmeyer, a baker, of 514 North Second street, and Charles Sauer, a Socialist, of 226 Vine street, Camden.

For several days fellow lodgers had been questioning Wistmeyer concerning his action in the event of war. He became melancholy and early today he bought a revolver and shot himself.

TEUTONS IN BIG FLOCKS, SEEK U. S. CITIZENSHIP Sixty-five of 78 Applicants Were From Central Powers—Larger Rush on Today

Another large crowd of aliens, with Germans predominating, were on hand early this morning in the Federal Building to declare their intention of becoming American citizens when the opening of the naturalization office of the district court.

With lightning speed the doors of the office were opened and shut, a large number having rushed inside, while an equally large number waited outside waiting for admittance.

Preparations had been made to meet the onrush. Clerk Craig reinforced his clerical assistance and had a bailiff stationed outside the office to keep the anxious embryo citizens in line and in order.

Out of seventy-eight petitions for first papers filed yesterday, a large number were in the Central Powers. Germany was in the majority with thirty-five, Austria with twelve, and Hungary furnished eight.

LUNCHERS LUNCH ON, UNWITTING OF CAFE FIRE Counterpane Queries, "Sotto Voce" "Is It Out?"—Between Ham and—Orders

"Roll him. Make it two." One coffee. "There was a clatter of plates, cups and saucers, as the white-aproned counterpane hurried the coffee to the kitchen, and several diners were invading the rear of the luncheon room to extinguish a fire that began in a garbage can.

ATTACK ON MAYOR NOT INSPIRED, SAYS LENNON Select Council President Declares "Higher-Ups" Did Not Order Criticism of Fiscal Policy

James R. Lennon, president of Select Council and a down-town Vard leader, issued a statement today denying emphatically that his criticism of Mayor Smith and Finance Committee Chairman Gaffney for the present financial muddle the city is facing was prompted by higher political leaders.

\$130.13 Settles Cutting Affray Judge Monaghan and a Jury in Court No. 2 today heard different versions of a cutting affray at an Italian party in Lyric Hall, on South Sixth street, on May 29, 1915, and Mike Caporali, who had just as freely as ever received a verdict of \$130.13 against Michael Angelo Stanghi, who wielded the stiletto or knife. It appeared that during one of the dances Stanghi was accused of clumsily stepping on the toes of one of the ladies and Caporali and his friends had been busy with the ladies.

POLICE SEEK AUTOIST WHO KIDNAPPED BOY

Child Leaped From Car at Burlington and Made Way Back Home

The police today are searching for the driver of a high-powered touring car who kidnapped ten-year-old Francis A. Haughey, Jr., of 69 North Sixth street, yesterday afternoon while he was on his way home from the Lady of Rosary Parochial School.

The boy was kidnapped at Sixty-third and Arch streets. He was held a prisoner in the car, he said, until his abductor stopped at a store. The boy then escaped. After being picked up by the Burlington police he was returned to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis A. Haughey, who were frantic from worry. The child was unharmed.

Mrs. Haughey was unable to give any cause for the kidnapping. "My son did not know the man," she explained today. "The boy, child-like, simply asked the driver for a ride and was told to 'hop in.'"

"Once in, however, the driver refused to stop to let the boy out. I believe he was going to take him to New York. My son was almost scared to death, naturally. I am thankful to say that he had the presence of mind to jump from the machine at Burlington. He did not reach home until 11 o'clock last night."

Both my husband and I were verging on a collapse from worry. I think it was an outrage. The kidnapper, if caught, certainly ought to be prosecuted."

The Burlington police were the boy crying on a street corner. He was pale and bewildered. When questioned, he said a five-hundred-dollar automobile had offered to give him a ride and had brought him from Philadelphia.

He said that he did not become frightened until the car was driven on a ferry. He was not able to get out, he said, but the man held him in at first, and then threatened to hurt him if he tried to leave.

The boy gave the police a good description of the man, but he said that he did not believe to have carried a New York license, though the Haugheys say he did not get a chance to see the number.

FOUR-YEAR-OLD GIRL KILLED BY MOTORTRUCK Death of Little Catherine Wolf Brings List of Auto Fatalities for Year to Twelve

Catherine Wolf, four years old, of 4828 Parrish street, was struck and killed by a motortruck while playing in front of her home this afternoon. Her death brings the list of automobile fatalities this year to twelve. The driver of the truck, William Loren, twenty-three years old, of 1511 South Ewing street, was arrested at the West Philadelphia Homeopathic Hospital after he had come to the hospital with the child.

ALLEGED DOPE PEDDLERS HELD Darby Man and Philadelphia Charged With Drug Sale

Two alleged dope peddlers were held under \$250 bail today by United States Commissioner Edmunds. The prisoners are Immanuel Cohen, of 3555 Welles street, and Francis Stiltz, of 230 North Second street, Darby.

HELP WANTED—MALE DRIFTSMAN AN TOOL AND DIE WORK FOR DUTCH-AMERICAN PRESSERS USED FOR PRESSING. COMPETENT MAN IS OFFERED A PERMANENT POSITION WITH EXCELLENT FUTURE. REFERENCE. ADDRESS: 1215 N. G. ST., PHILADELPHIA.

Sleep-Well Window Wedges In light and dark oak, mission or mahogany. Keep your windows from rattling and sliding down. NO mutilation of sashes. A child can adjust them. In Colonial White, 6 for 50c. Send stamps or coin. Delivery prompt. Write for circulars. SLEEPWELL WINDOW WEDGE CO., Entry Bldg. (Walnut & 17th Sts.), Philadelphia.

GOODYEAR FINAL SALE RAINCOATS. The Goodyear policy calls for a COMPLETE CLEARANCE at the end of each year. The time has now arrived. Neither cost, nor loss, nor the unheard-of prices now asked for rubber will stand in the way of our 27-year-old custom. Prices reduced away below cost, arranged in 3 lots, as follows: BOYS' AND GIRLS' RAINCOATS—This lot \$2. MEN'S AND WOMEN'S ULTRA-QUALITY RAINCOATS—Tweeds, Mohairs and Cashmere ma. \$5. MEN'S AND WOMEN'S HIGH-GRADE IMPORTED RAINCOATS AND OVERCOATS—Newest models, wool fabrics, suitable to wear rain or shine. Sizes from 32 to 50. All sewed and cemented seams; all shades. Values \$15 to \$35. Final Clearance Price..... \$10. "If it's Rubber We Have It"

PHILADELPHIA SHIP FIRED ON AT RIO

Shot Directed at Evelyn Due to a Misunderstanding in Signals

The American steamship Evelyn, whose home port is Philadelphia, was fired upon by the Brazilian battleship Minas Geraes through a misunderstanding in signals, according to a dispatch from Rio de Janeiro received here today.

The Evelyn was not damaged, but returned to the harbor to clear up the misunderstanding. The incident, according to the dispatch, illustrates Brazil's strict watch for any violation of neutrality.

The Evelyn incident is construed at Rio de Janeiro as not only indicating Brazil's determination to enforce strict neutrality, but also as evidence of the whole-hearted support of the position of the United States against Germany on account of the new submarine decrees.

Hexamer Pledges Alliance Loyalty Continued from Page One

Tjarkia, of Baltimore, chairman of the committee, presided. Fourteen prominent German-Americans, including Doctor Hexamer and the Rev. Dr. Julius Hoffman, secretary of the committee, were present. The Rev. Dr. Hoffman is pastor of the Zion German Evangelical Church, Baltimore.

The National German-American Alliance is beginning the war here collected more than \$500,000 for the relief of the war sufferers of the Central Powers. The money was transmitted through Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, to the German Red Cross. At present, according to Doctor Hexamer, the organization has on hand about \$5000 which has been collected for the war victims of Germany and her allies.

By a strange coincidence, the resolution supporting this country against Germany was written, read and adopted in the German language. It was taken up and read early today by Chairman Tjarkia to be translated into English and sent in duplicate form to the various branches of the Alliance throughout the country. It now is being translated at Baltimore and, according to an announcement by Mr. Tjarkia, will be made public this afternoon.

At the national headquarters of the Alliance, 415 Walnut street, Doctor Hexamer today said that the action of the National German-American Alliance was not remarkable.

"We have ever been, and always will be, an American patriotic organization," he said. "There is not a single instance of the alliance being unpatriotic or, as has been alleged, its working against the interests of this country. The object of the alliance is to assimilate Germans coming to this country into our citizenship, retaining for the good of the country that which is good in German arts, sciences and customs."

"My personal action during the war in opposing certain moves of our Government have been adopted by purely patriotic motives and a sense of conviction as to my duty as a native-born American citizen. I can truthfully say that any act of mine or of the alliance has been contrary to American patriotism."

LANCASTER GIVES \$9600 FOR BELGIANS LANCASTER, Pa., Feb. 8.—Lancaster today passed the mark of raising \$9600 for the relief of the nearly 800 suffering children of St. Croix, Belgium. This will provide an extra lunch of biscuits and cocoa for each child for one year. The funds go through the Belgium Relief Commission.

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