

Evening unstrates Tedger

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Miss Margaret Shields bandaging a Frenchman's wounded leg back of the firing line in France. She is accompanied by her mother.

ENOCAL BACKED **GERARD TO LEAVE** BY U. S. WARSHIPS PARIS ON TUESDAY

our More Vessels Approach Cuba to Give Moral Support

EVOLUTION WEAKENING

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17. stmasters at all money order offices e United States were today directed the Postmaster General to suspend nent of money orders issued at any e in Cuba except Havana after Feb-15. They are also directed to to draw orders after receipt of notice on any office in Cuba, except

AVANA. Feb. 17 .- Four United States ships are expected to arrive off Cuban a some time today, to lend their moral to President Menocal in stampout the Gomes revolution. The United sunboat Petrel, Commander Knox, lles off Santiago harbor.

tches from Santa Clara and Camtoday indicated that the Cuban Govit is rapidly gaining control of the Eight hundred Government have been landed on the south coast laguey, while 2000 others are marcha Ciego. Fighting is now believed to progress in the district, although of wires prevents confirmation.

Will Go to Barcelona, Whence He Will Embark for America

IS HONORED BY BRIAND

PARIS. Feb. 17. American Ambassador Gerard, recailed from Berlin, will leave Paris for Madrid, Spain, Tuesday evening, according to arrangements announced today. From Barcelona he will embark for the United States. Social affairs made up the day's activities

of Mr. Gerard. Mr. Gerard was invited as the guest of honor at a dinner given by Premier Briand at the Foreign Office, and this evening the ex-Ambassador and Mrs.

Gerard will be entertained at a dinner party given by Ambassador William G. Sharp and Mrs. Sharp at the United States Embassy. In addition, Mr. and Mrs. Gerard received a number of informal calls at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. The American diplomat is very much in-

sensed over an alleged interview with him which appeared in the Matin under the signature of Hugues Leroux. When it was called to the attention of Mr. Gerard he branded the writer of it as a "deliberate, adroit and monumental llar."

The French authorities are investigating the movements of Oscar Pflug, a former employe of the United States embassy in Berlin, who was arrested when he reached ing, had caused \$250,000 damage at noon France with the Gerard party. Pflug had and was still burning flercely while half been employed in a minor capacity for sevdozen fire companies, alding the Uniontown eral months. He entered the embassy emcompanies, battled valiantly to save the ployment during Mr. Gerard's absence last town. Frozen water plugs handlcapped the summer.

PHILADELPHIA, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1917 .

BERLIN ORDERS

TO INJURE SHIP,

SAYS CAPTAIN

Cecilie, Interned at Bos-

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German Notice to Act Ar-

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Damage Done Engines to Prevent

AT COURT HEARING

MASTER TESTIFIES

COTTRIGUT, 1917, BY THE PUBLIC LEDGER COMPANY

QUICK NEWS

U. S. PROSECUTORS COMBAT STEEL TRUST PLEA

WASHINGTON. Feb. 17 .- In its efforts to grind up the Steel Toust into separate companies, no one of which shall be large enough to dominate any portion of the steel industry, the Government this alternoon filed in the Supreme Court a brief combatting the trust's fight for corporate existence. The Government does not ask that the coult hand down a dissolution decree, but urges that the case be remanded to the United States District Court, of New Jersey, with directions that that tribunal work out a dissolution plan.

U BOAT NET STRETCHES ACROSS N. Y. HARBOR

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.An immense steel net, through which it will be impossible for a hoatile submarine to ram, was stretched across the harbor today from Fort Hamilton to Fort Wadsworth to guard New York. The work of laying the huge "fence" was done by 250 bluejackets from the New Jersey, New Mexico and Arizona, now here, under supervision of naval authorities. They refused to discuss the work.

LAW'S CREW ON WAY TO ROME

TOTLE, ich. 17 .-- The crew of the American schooner Lyman M. Low, can't by a submarine in the Mediterranean, arrived at Civita Combin foling enrouts to Rome. They will sail for America chortly.

BILL SEEKS 8-HOUR WORKDAY FOR WOMEN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 .- A nation-wide eight-hour workday for women is rovided by a bill introduced today in the Senate by Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, and in the House by Representative Keating, of Colorado. The bill would apply the principle of the recently enacted child labor bill to women workers by closing interstate commerce to goods manufactured by women working more than eight hours a day. The measure has been indorsed by the Consumers' League and the National Woman's Trade Union League.

STORAGE HOUSES HERE BULGING WITH MEAT

Philadelphia storehouses are overloaded with meat, according to Robert M immers, special agent of the State Dairy and Pure Food Department. Although the prices remain high, he said, tons of meat are being sent from here to Europe by way of New York, yet the amount offered for local consumption is limited German liner was on her way across the Mr. Simmers said that if the packers would release the meat now held in cold Atlantic when she fied back to this coun- | storage conditions would be remedied and meat prices would drop

TWO KILLED WHEN STEAMSHIP HITS MINE

LONDON, Feb. 17 .- Two men were killed, nine are missing and five were injured

PRICE TWO CENTS

NIGHT

EXTRA

JOINT TEUTON **U-BOAT POLICY** FORCING ISSUE

Austria Not to Be Dissuaded From Joining Germany

REPORTS INDICATE BREAK WITH VIENNA

Blockade of American Ports Brings Economic Crisis Nearer Each Day

WHAT CONGRESS MAY DO

President Not Likely to Ask Present Body for Sanction on War

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17. The German Government is "perfecting arrangements" for the departure of American Consuls still delayed, if not detained, in Germany, the State Department was informed today through Spain. The State Department intimated strongly that German Consuls desiring to remain in the United States as private citizens would not be permitted to do so.

THE HAGUE, Feb. 17. The German Government has promised to make arrangements for a special train to carry out of Germany the American Consuls remaining there, but this may involve a delay of weeks, according to a declaration made today by an American who has just arrived from Germany. This informant said that there are still a number of American Consuls in Germany, who, up to the present, have received no facilities for leaving.

BERLIN, Feb. 17.

The American Government, through the Spanish Ambassador, is listing all its citizens in Germany. The move is one to facilitate the exodus of such citizens in the event of war between Germany and America. The American Chamber of Commerce is aiding this work. Berlin was quiet today. American business agencies found there was no interruption to their work and are continuing as usual.

PARIS, Feb. 17.

Joseph C. Grew, secretary to the American Embassy in Berlin and recently charge during Amba

men occupants of the car were not movie actors doing their stunt for a film comic out were two reckless boys trying to operate an automobile while under the influence of Stevenson made a flying leap into the rapidly moving car, grasped the steering wheel and brought the machine to a stop.

SO COP NABBED THEM

and Decides Youths Are Too

Tipsy to Run It

NEW YORK FROM EUROPE

Been Convoyed by Destroyers Through Danger Zone

The young men were each held in \$1000 ball by Magistrate Stevenson, charged with stealing an automobile and operating H while intoxicated. They are Jerome Curtin, eighteen years old, 3217 Irwin street, and Edgar Cramer, sixteen years old, 2537 Market street. The automobile is the property of Coleman Hitner, 1213 West Lehigh

near Thompson

avenue. Hitner attended a ball last evening h Weightman Hall, Thirty-ninth and Spruce streets, and left a small boy in charge of his car. It is alleged that Curtin and Cramer pushed the small boy from the cat and then made away with the machine.



Business Section Ravaged. Frozen Water Plugs Hamper Firemen

OTHER TOWNS SEND AID

UNIONTOWN, Pa., Feb. 17 -- Fire which threatened the destruction of the husiness section started in the Johnson-Fulton Buildng here shortly after 10 o'clock this me

Movement of Craft in Policeman Stevenson, of the Thirty-ninth treet and Lancaster avenue station, lonked Event of War around for the novie-camera man today when he saw a big fouring car zignagging BOSTON, Feb. 17 .-- Captain Charles A from curb to curb on Forty-fourth street. Polack, master of the German' steamship Kronpringersin Cecilie, seized by Federal When the cop failed to discover any authorities, testified on the stand here today camera man, he decided that the two young

that the engines of the vessel had been damaged on orders from a representative of the German Government. Polack declared the purpose had been to prevent movement of the interned vessel in

case of hostilities between this Government and Germany. He refused to give the name of the representative who had given the order.

The captain said the secret order was received January 31. The disabling of the engines began at noon on that day and was finished by noon on February 1. The German U-boat note to the United States was delivered in Washington late on January 31 Captain Polack also stated that by order from Germany all charts and papers had been burned at the time of the sinking of the Susnex last spring. He was advised to be ready to disable the engines on receip of a code message. This message did no come until January 31.

Orders at the time of the Sussex sinking had been explicit. Captain Polack said. He was told then to destroy his charis and papers and to stand ready to destroy his engines. When the code message came he ordered his chief engineer to proceed at once with the work which had been mapped out and which was completed in about twenty-four hours.

The German captain was a witness in the civil suit of the National City Bank and

the Guarantee Trust Company of New York against the owners of the German liner over the non-delivery of a big gold shipment at the outbreak of the war. The try and was interned.

CRIPPLING OF CECILIE

fal eye witnesses of the events in to de Avila report that General Gomez ating in the district with a force of 100 deserters from the Government augmented by 500 civilians. The Menocal troops now there are expected have little difficulty in dispersing the

Information from several sources tends to te that the rebels are seeking cover the leaders trying to escape from the Interest has centered in conditions anta Clara and Oriente Provinces and the ultimate fate of the little band of in Havana Province under Baldemore , Mayor of Marianao, who clashed he Government seventeen miles from city. Acosta was wounded and on being nked by loyal troops retreated to the in, was cut off and is now believed to surrender or destruction.

dent Menocal, in a proclamation and last night, denies any intention to ate his political opponents, as charged ebel proclamations. He guarantees full rity and protection to all persons rening loyal to the laws and constitution, ver their antecedents or affiliations. newspaper La Lucha says that Amertroops have been landed in Santiago to guard the American consulate that they are patrolling the streets adto it. The paper says also that it is ly confirmed that Americans have inewhere in Oriente province. These are denied at the American legation and by the Cuban Government.

Police Force to Guard Its Plant ENSBURG, Pa., Feb. 17.-The United Aluminum Company, with big works Kensington and in New Jergey, is ed in the organization of a police organization of a police organization of a police organization of the last five years a rof Troop A of the State police, has made chief of the force and will at eris to organize it.

Skating Information ie Lake-Fair. rae Lake-Fair ting Park Lake-Fair. other Park lakes, Wissahlckon Creek kill River closed.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST

Philadelphia and vicinity-Increas liness, probably followed by rain might and Sunday; warmer tonight, peratures mostly above freezing; Bunday; fresh southwest to north-

LENGTH OF DAY WARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES HESTNUT STREET 110 a.m. Low water . 5:10 p.m. TERE AT EACH HOUR

COMPANY AND A DESCRIPTION OF A DESCRIPTI

HARDLY KNOWN TO GERARD He is an American by birth of German

tarlier was considerably dragged out.

Another

The spirit of preparedness landed Gonza

Duckett, a tall negro, in jail today on the

accusation of having shot and wounded

George Mundy, another negro, of 3655 Mar-

According to Duckett, he heard yester-

day that a negro named Levy was looking

for him with the intention of administering

corporal punishment. Duckett went to a

pawnshop and "hocked" a very loud-checked

suit and with the money purchased a re-

ket street.

party.

tongues of flame that leaped more than 100 descent, had correct papers and circumfeet above and from all sides of the blazing stances generally seemed all right. Mr. buildings. At 1 o'clock the firemen reported that Gurard personally had very little to do with the fire was about under control and that him, in fact, hardly knew the man. the damage would probably not go much When the time came to arrange the de-

parture from Berlin, Pflug, of course, came higher than that already done. Despite the fact that seven fire com along as one of the embassy staff. Mr. panies-Brownsville, Scottdale, Connellsville Gerard was not personally cognizant of the details of the arrangements of the departure and other companies aiding the Uniontown and was not aware that several persons who brigade-were on the scene within an hour did secure the advantage of leaving on his and a balf after the fire started, they were train were only nominally members of his unable to combat the flames until almost

noon. It was necessary for the firemen to Pflug, however, made himself conspicuous thaw frozen plugs before a stream of water during the trip from Berlin to Zurich, being could be directed on the building. Half an constantly associated with the German offihour after the flames burst out in the Johncer in charge of the train. He was so much son-Fulton Building the building was dein evidence that several of those making stroyed and crumbling walls forced spectathe trip got the impression that he was tors and firemen to run for cover. Several somehow officially concerned in handling persons were struck by flying bricks, but the train. He was less conspicous about

none was seriously hurt. Guests fied in confusion when the rain of burning embers from the Johnson-Fulton Berne, but when Mr. Gerard's party left last night Pflug had a place on the train. The French officials at Berne were most Building ignited awnings all over the hotel, The Vio Theatre, adjoining the Johnson courteous to all bona fide members of the Fuiton Building, was next in the path of the flames, and it was consumed rapidly. The hardware store of C. N. Craft, on the ambassadorial party, but there had been such pressure from outsiders to create an west side of the Johnson-Fulton Building. impression of being attached to Mr. Gerard's ignited, and started the fire in that direc-tion, but a detail of firemen fought this blaze and confined it to that one building on coatskirts that the examination at Ponthe west side.

All those entitled to diplomatic courtesy Twenty families occupying apartments in the Johnson-Fulton Building were forced to flee, and all their effects were destroyed. through genuine connection with Mr. Gerard were passed speedily by the French frontier Street dur traffic was tied up and the

Continued on Page Two, Column Three city was virtually cut off from surrounding towns. The power went off when the fire ate through the feed wire. Burning embers carried the blaze to sev-eral business houses in the vicinity, and a two-story building occupied by Hibba's con-PREPARES FOR WAR AND

GETS IT; SHOOTS NEGRO fectionery store was destroyed. The Fick's Assailant Hears of Alleged Enemy's Infurniture store was burned and several families in apartments above that building tentions and Tries Revolver on

iost their household effects. The West End Hotel, Ruiter Building, a three-story brick structure, the Strickler & Hess Building and several other buildings were seriously damaged.

These structures were destroyed: The These structures were where the fire Johnson-Fulton Building, where the fire originated, a five-story building; the Alex Chisholm Building and the B. N. Craft Hardware Building. The upper floors of Hardware Building and the upper floors of all these buildings were occupied as apart-ments and no estimate has been placed on the loss of furniture and other effects by these individuals. The Johnson-Fulton Building was the second largest building in National Bank Building being the largest. The Johnson-Fulton Building covered nearly half the block in which the fire was con-

volver and some cartridges. Today he encountered Mundy, who is a friend of Levy. countered Mundy, who is a friend of Levy. Mundy cast some doubt on Duckett's ability to handle Levy, which, the police say, Duckett resented by shooting Mundy in the left breast. Mundy was taken to the Pres-byterian Hospital, and Duckett was held in \$1000 bail by Magistrate Pennock. He ityes at 2638 Cuthbert strest. "Pressreduced for me is a pock of theufined. The principal losses were the Johnson-Fuiton Building, \$75,600; Davis Furniture Company, \$50,000; B. N. Craft Building, 40,000; Chisholm Building, \$25,000. Other bdiulings damaged were the Thomas Schu-man residence, Hibbs Building, McCornick Building, Ficks Building, McCornick Building, Ficks Building, Titlow Hotel, Frees Building, Surficier-Near, Building, Support Exclusion and West and Build,

MAKES STIR AT CAPITAL WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 -- Admission by

Captain Polack, of the war-bound German liner Kronprinzessin Cocilie, that her engines had been disabled at the direct order of the German Government coming almost fire-fighters, and for a time the Main street at the moment that Germany's request that husiness houses were at the mercy of the 1799 Prussian treaty be reaffirmed caused a distinct sensation here.

Polack's statement was accepted as con-firming the belief entertained in official quarters that every war-bound German ship n American waters had been wrecked below decks. However, it positively was stated that it would not hasten action by the United States in any plan that might be under consideraton to seize German vescels in the event of war.

'PRESS SUBSIDY' PROBE ASKED BY MOORE BILL

Representative Fails to Get Immediate Action on Wall Street Corruption Allegation

By a Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 -- Carrying out his threat to introduce a resolution for a congressional investigation of the charges made by Representative Callaway, of Texas, that J. Plerpont Morgan and Wall street interests had subsidized twenty-five leading newspapers of the United States to involve this country in the European war, Representative J. Hampton Moore today resented the measure to the House.

Representative Moore made an unsuccess ful attempt to get immediate consideration of his resolution. Chairman Dent, of th House Military Affairs Committee, objected on the ground it would displace the army appropriation bill.

The Moore resolution proposes that seven members be appointed by the Speaker and that an appropriation of \$50,000 be made to carry on the investigation. Representative Adair, of Indiana, asked

Representative Moore whether he did not think enough money had been wasted on investigations of statements that had no foundation in fact.

"A few weeks ago," said Representative Adair, "charges were made by Thomas W. Lawson. An investigation was ordered. What has it proved? Nothing."

Representative Moore replied: "It may not be true, but I think the charges ought to be investigated in order to clear the honest journals of this country in case the charges made against some of them prove true. I disagree with the gen-tieman from Indiana about the Lawson charges. I think they have done some

GIVES ALL HE HAS TO U.S.

Midget Weighing 40 Pounds Wants to Be Naturalized

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 .- Paul Horompo,

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Paul Horompo, three feet tail, weight forty pounds, ap-plied at the naturalization bureau yesterday for his first papers. "I was born in Hungary," he said, "and while there is not much of me to give to the United States, what there is I'll give. That's why I want to be a cuitses." Here the second states of the second states

injured have been removed to hospitals.

FOUR U-BOATS IN GULF OF MEXICO, SAYS SKIPPER

GALVESTON, Tex., Feb. 17 .- Four German submarines are in the Gulf of Mexico ready to begin operations off the Cuban coast if war is declared, according to a story brought here today by Captain Nason, of the American schooner Fort Bragg. The story is unconfirmed from any other source. Nason says he heard It at Guantanamo Bay. The captain said his information was that Guantanamo barbor was now protected by a steel net stretched across the entrance.

IRONTON RAILROAD MERGER IS RATIFIED

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Feb. 17 .- At a meeting of the stockholders of the Thomas Iron Company Railroad and Ironton Railroad the proposed merger of the two companies was ratified, the first named road being absorbed by the Ironton Company and the capital stock of the company increased from \$600,000 to \$1,000,000. pany and the capital stock of the company increased from \$600,000 to \$1,000,000 The Ironton Railroad has long held the record of having the greatest revenue per agricultural and cement section.

CHICAGO SCHOOL CHILDREN ORDERED TO SALUTE FLAG

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.-By order of the School Board salute of the flag will be a weekly observance by the 375,000 pupils in the public schools. The first observance will be next Monday, when the children will repeat. "I pledge allegiance to the American flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all

PENROSE STARTS PROBE OF PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Senator Penrose has directed his legislative lieutenants to begin an investigation of the record of the Public Service Commission, regardless of the fate of the Sproul inquiry. It was said that the investigation of the Public Service Commission would start within a few weeks, probably upon the reconvening of the General Assembly after the presidential inaugural.

BISHOP TELLS EPISCOPALIANS TO SUPPORT WILSON

In an effort to consolidate and unify the sentiment of Americans, Bishon Rhinelander has issued an appeal to every rector in the diocese of Pennsylvania to have his parish adopt resolutions pledging support to President Wilson in the German crisis. Copies of the resolution will be sent to President Wilson and to Congress

OYSTER FAMINE FEARED; COLD DELAYS SHIPPING

PORT NORRIS, N. J., Feb. 17 .- An oyster famine is imminent in the city markets as a result of the cold weather of the last fortnight, which has frozen many of the beds along the Atlantic coast. Shippers and planters in the Maurice River Cove district, who usually send out two trainloads daily at this season of this year, have no oysters in the shipping sheds. Their fleets have been frozen in the mouth of the cove nearly two weeks.

SIXTH REGIMENT DUE IN PHILADELPHIA TOMORROW

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 17.-The Sixth Pennsylvania Regiment passed through Atlanta last night on the way to Philadelphia. They will reach home Sunday morning if they maintain their present schedule. There are four companies from Philadelphia and egiht companies from Norristown, Chester and West Chester. Colonel T. B. Ellis is in command.

PRIMARY SUFFRAGE BILL PASSES ARKANSAS HOUSE

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 17 .- A bill to permit women to vote in primary elections has been passed by the Arkansas House of Representatives. It now goes to the Senate.

"BONE DRY" LIQUOR BILL PASSES OKLAHOMA SENATE

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okia., Feb. 17 .- The Ferguson "hone-dry" liquor bill was as passed by the Senate and now goas to the Governor for his signature.

Gerard's absence in the United States, was today ordered to Vienna to assist American Ambassador Penfield. Ambassador Gerard gave the instructions to Grew.

LONDON, Feb. 17.

An unconfirmed dispatch from Berlin says that Brand Whitlock, United States Minister to Belgium, will continue there in his diplomatic capacity. It previously had been unofficially reported that the Spanish Minister in Brussels had taken over the American interests.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 .- After two weeks of broken relations with Germany. President Wilson today finds the international situation increasingly difficult.

A break with Austria seems impending view of persistent reports that all negotiations tending to dissuade Austria from following the U-boat course of Germany have failed.

Officials are convinced the economic situation in the United States, as a result of the virtual blockade of American ports by the German U-boat decree, makes some action designed to open the way for American shipping imperative.

Absence of word from American consular agents in Central Power countries indicates, it is said, that Germany plans no relaxation in her annoying course of interference with American privileges and American rights.

In spite of these developments of the last two weeks, however, there is no belligerent step immediately in sight, according to those immediately in the President's councils.

The most distressing problem is that of

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BANTAM CROWS LUSTILY AS FLAMES SWEEP HOUSE

Rooster's Rejoicing Dampened by Stream From Hose-\$2000 Damage

There was only one living thing that appeared delighted today when fire swept the dweiling and wallpaper store of Albert Ocks, Ninth and Porter streets, causing . loss of \$2000.

That was a bantam rooster that made its way from the cellar to a perch on a cornice on the second floor and crowed lustily while firemen worked to subdue the flames. One of the hosemen became exasperated by the taunting cries of the bird, and turned a stream of water on the "banty." The rooster escaped the deluge and was reacued by another fireman just as the flames were curling from a window and singeing its into feathers. Mrs. Ocks and har two children Destamin and Doos, and Mrs. 2010