Only "Overt Act" by U-Boat Will End Diplomatic Relations

WILSON TO MAKE REPLY

Washington Appreciates Delicate Position of Dual Monarchy in Crisis

WASHINGTON, March 7.—There will be a diplomatic break with Austria for the esent, unless the submarines of the dual onarchy ferce the hand of President Wil-

monarchy ferce the hand of President Wilson by some "overt act" in which American lives are endangered. This was stated authoritatively today after officials had digested the reply of the Austrian Government to this Government's inquiry concerning her attitude on the submarine warfare as conducted by Germany.

The note which was before President Wilson today is most concillatory in tone. Officials realize that the position of the Austrian Government is delicate. She must, on the one hand, indorse the stand of Germany, and at the same time do it in such a manner as not to offend the United States to the extent of a Uplomatic rupture.

THE RIGHT TO ARM

The one point on which the two Governments are in flat discord is that of the arming of American merchant vessels.

"The Austro-Hungarian Government is of

The Austro-Hungarian Government is of the opinion that the arming of merchant vessels, even solely for defense, is not estab-lished by international law. They are to be regarded as pirate vessels which may be

paragraph from the Austrian reply may prove a stumbling block in the path of future good relations. President Wilson believes that the right of this Government to arm its merchant vessels is beyond question in view of the existing conditions, and it is certain that he will go ahead regardless of the Austrian opinion as to its legality.

If the Austro-Hungarian Government

backs up its opinion so far as to sink an American vessel so equipped, the break, it is believed, will come with startling sud-denness.

AWAIT OVERT ACT

That President Wilson will reply to the Austrian note is believed certain—unless his hand is forced by some "overt act". The Vienna note was so inviting to further nego-tlations that it is not believed this Govern-ment can very well avoid further inquiry into the matter without appearing to be

forcing the issue.

Whether Count Tarnowski, the newly ap-Whether Count Tarnowski, the newly appointed Austrian Ambassador to the United States, will be allowed to present his credentials here now was a debated question in diplomatic circles. Count Tarnowski arrived in Washington at the time of the German break, and because of the delicate relations between the United States and Austria since that time he has not been efficially presented.

COATESVILLE HOTELS SEEK LICENSE RENEWAL

Remonstrances Not Specific, but Plea of "No Necessity" Is Urged

WEST CHESTER, March 7. - Two Coatesville hotels still remain in line to secure licenses if the Court chooses to grant them. Both are new applicants, but remonstrances have been filed against them. The remonstrances, however, are not specific and just what action the Court will take when they are considered is, of course, not known nor will it be until the hearings on remonstrances are called up on March 19, when both matters will be given the usual hearings.

The two hotels involved are the Hotel Grand, for which Jeremiah H. Reardon asks a license, and the Subway House, in the negro quarter, where Charles H. Taylor asks a license. It is admitted by the remonstrants that both men are well qualified to conduct hotels, and there is nothing charged against them personally, but the matter of "no necessity" will be urged and the no-license forces will open fire upon them when the applications are considered. The action of the Court yesterday leaves but two hotels along the Main Line in Chester County, one at Duffryn Mawr and one at Parkesburg. The property involved by the Femoval of the licenses in Coatesville and Downingtown is valued at nearly \$400.000. The two hotels involved are the Hotel

Permoval of the licenses in Coatesville and Downingtown is valued at nearly \$400,000. and it is estimated that without licenses the hotels will depreciate more than seventy-five per cent in value. The proprietors in Coatesville say they will close the hotels, and the Board of Trade there, as well as the Chamber of Commerce, has already taken action to provide for the traveling public.

AID FOR STRANDED GIRLS Service Bureau to Establish

Home for Needy

Country girls who are stranded without money in Philadelphia and girls of every description who are in "hard luck" will be given shelter in a home to be established hrough the efforts of the Social Service sureau of the Alliance of Catholic Women. A house has been secured at 505 North Kinsteenth street and the majority of the furniture needed has already been contributed by women of the alliance as memorials. Mrs. Anna G. Prince, chairman of the Social Service Bureau, was the first to contribute. Mrs. Prince said that a night's lodging would be given to any girl who comes to the house and, if she desires, employment will be found.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

VERKES. — March 7. THERBSA MAY TERKES (nee Occhaie), wife of Eugene S. Terkes. Notice of funeral given from 5439 Larchwood ave. WETHERILL. — March 6. WILLIAM SAV. SRY JOHNSON. son of Gertrude Johnson and late Aifred M. Wetherill. Funeral services, fri. 2 p. m. 563 E. Lancaster ave., Brya Lawr. Int. private.

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NEARING BAGDAD

Cavalry Attacks Turks 27 Miles From Mesopotamian Stronghold

AERIAL FIGHTS IN WEST

Berlin Reports Fifteen Allied Planes Wrecked in Thrilling Battles

LONDON, March 7 British cavalry detachments have engaged the Turks nine miles southeast of Ctesiphon and only twenty-seven miles from the gates of Bagdad, it was officially announced to-day. The engagement occurred Monday

Ctesiphon was the scene of the decisive battle of the first British campaign against Bagdad. British forces reached Ctesiphon on November 22, 1915, engaged in a heavy battle with the Turks four days later and then retreated to Kut-el-Amara, more than eighty miles away, where General Town-shend's garrison was forced to surrender.

The greatest aerial activity since the beginning of the allied offensive on the Somme last July has occurred on the Ancre and Somme fronts this week, said dispatches

received here today. While the Germans were conducting their great retirement heavy foxs interrupted the work of the British flyers. This hindered the work of the British artillerymen and aided the Germans wonderfully in concealing the exact nature of their backward

movement.
Sunshiny weather succeeded the fog spell on Sunday and British fliers in great force took the air to reconnoiter the new positions to which the Germans retired. Large squads again sped along the front on Monday and Tuesday, sketching the new German works and directing the range of British artillery. They were repeatedly attacked by German airmen, who, however, have not dared to cross the British ilines in any large numbers. Belief that British military circles are looking forward confidently to at least another winter campaign was strengthened to-day by Colonel Winston Churchill's speech in Commons.

Churchill urged that the Government begin preparing at once for a 1918 campaign. He indicated the belief that the Allied blockade would result in the collapse of the Central Powers and bring the war to an end next.

BERLIN, March 7. French troops attacked newly captured German positions in Caurieres forest on the northeast front of Verdun last night, but were repulsed by German fire, it was offi-cially announced today.

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esterday, and in numerous combats fifteen eroplanes were shot down, the Germans osing one plane, the official statement said. The text of the official statement follows: On the Scarpe and both sides of the

On the scarpe and both success of the Ancre and Somme, and in the Cham-pagne and on the east bank of the Meuse, there was lively artillery activ-ity and repeated engagements of recon-noitering detachments with trench gar-

In the evening the French attacked on the northeast front of Verdun against our new positions in Caurieres forest, but were repulsed by our fire.

Bright weather favored the flyers in the execution of their tasks. In numerous air combats fifteen hostile aeroplanes were shot down. We lost one aeroplane by enemy action.

FRENCH TAKE TEUTON PRISONERS IN RAIDS

PARIS, March 7.-French raids and sap ping activity gained many German prison-ers, today's official statement declared, German attempts to penetrate French trenches were checked with heavy losses. The statement said:

French forces raided German trenches

and took prisoners between the Oise and the Aisne. The Germans tried several raids near

In Germans tried several raids near St. Mihiel and Fleury, but were checked by a curtain of fire and re-tired with losses.

In the region of Tour de Paris, Ar-gonne, the French exploded a mine under the German positions and occu-pied the crater.

150 SWARTHMORE GIRLS IN PREPAREDNESS CLASS

Will Learn Red Cross Work Under Direction of Dr. Rose D. Kimbone.

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The girls have giventheir own money to provide funds for the class. The course will provide funds for the class. The course will last twelve weeks. They will learn how to use bandages, set bones, care for cuts, burns and wounds. Dr. Rose D. Kimbone, who already has taught Red Cross work, will have charge of the class.

The class is the result of a suggestion made by Miss Helen Biddle, of Riverton.

N. J. a sophomore. The consent of the college authorities was obtained, although they would not consider it as a part of the regular curriculum.



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Criticizes Charles Henry Hart for Alleged Inconsistency in Classifying It

walader, in the Independence Hall collection, the authenticity of which is questioned. WIFE-SLAYER'S CURSE

Man Who Buried H. H. Holmes, Murderer, Died After Years in Sanitarium The funeral today of John J. O'Rourke,

QUESTIONED AS A "FAKE"

Painting of Colonel Lambert Cad-

RECALLED AT FUNERAL

in undertaker, who buried the wife slaver, H. H. Holmes, recalls the curse Holmes directed at those instrumental in his convic-

Twenty years ago today O'Rourke buried Holmes, after the man who had attracted attention the country over had been hanged. As he went to his death on the gallows, Holmes protested his innocence and cursed those he said were responsible for his conviction.

Since then many who came under the curse have met with either unusual or tragic death, whether they were detectives, physicians or officials. One after another the nen who gave evidence against him or delivered it dropped off.

O'Rourke died Saturday after spending the last few years of his life confined in a sanitarium. O'Rourke's sister, Mrs. E. M. Dempsey, died yesterday while the body of her brother was being prepared for burist.

The horror of the hanging of the man he buried seemed to overwhelm him and after every medical expedient had been tried after every medical expedient had been tried for recovery of his fine voice. O'Rourke journeyed to the mission of St. Anne de Beaupre, in Quebec. After the fourth visit to the sacred shrine the affection which pre-vented his taking food was relieved, but his voice was destroyed forever. The undertaker will be buried today from

the home of his son, Thomas J. O'Rourke, 1710 Morris street, who with a daughter, Mrs. J. A. Call survives.

GIRL TAKES POISON; ASKS TO BE SENT TO HOSPITAL

Startles Waiter in Chester Restaurant by Informing Him of Her Suicidal Attempt

CHESTER, Pa., March 7.—After taking a dose of poison with suicidal intent, Marle Hopkins, twenty-two years old, walked into a Market street cafe this morning and seated herself at a table.

When the waiter asked for her order, the young woman startled him and other diners by calmly informing him that she had taken by calmiy informing him that she had taken poison. She made a request that she be sent to a hospital. An automobile was pressed into service and the woman was removed to the Crozer Hospital, where her condition is considered serious. She told the police that she was tired of living. The police say that the young woman's deed was prompted by a love affair.

The authenticity of the portrait of Colonel ambert Cadwalader, one of the Independence Hall collection questioned in accusations of "faking" before the Art Jury and the Independence Hail Commission, was championed today by Albert Rosenthal, a painter of historical portraits, in a statement which he said was "expressly for the benefit of those responsible for the reflection put upon the character of the collection."

The portrait, copied from the original by Thomas Sully, said Mr. Rosenthal, has been pronounced by Charles Henry Hart, an art critic, as both a Sully and a painting by Gilbert Stuart. Mr. Hart, he decared, has contradicted himself, but that the later attribution names the portrait as a Sully

This information," said Mr. Rosenthal, "could have been had at any time and would have avoided additional reflection upon the reputation of the pictures. "This portrait, ascribed to Stuart, was denounced publicly by Mr. Hart in 1889 as 'no Stuart, but a Sully.' An article in Scribner's in 1879, entitled 'The Life and Works of Gilbert Stuart,' and signed 'C. H. R., says the portrait is a Stuart. The attribution is now questioned because the

R., says the portrait is a Stuart. The attribution is now questioned because the Sully Register, printed by Mr. Hart in 1999 from Sully's Original Manuscript Register, owned by the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, contains no record of this picture. In Mr. Hart's addenda of Sully's paintings not contained in the register the picture is not mentioned. In the American Art. News of March 3, 1917, he says he found it to be a Sully minining in Decemfound it to be a Sully painting in Decem-

Live Stock Dealer Begins Action for

Bernard Mulian, a dealer in live stock, of 16 North Fifty-sixth street, entered suit by raphis against his brother, Patrick H. Mul-an, 5448 Hayerford avenue, in the Mulicipal Court, accusing him of slander and ask-

in his affidavit the plaintiff complains that his brother, in the presence of several persons at the Stock Yard Hotel, Thirtieth and Race streets, uttered alleged slanderous temarks concerning his integrity. The alleged slander took place on February 15

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Dresses at \$16.50 Afternoon Dresses of taffeta, in tunic and peplum effects; with collar of crepe Georgette, in plain colors or Paisley pattern. Black, navy blue, plum color, smoke gray and French blue.

Dresses, \$12.75 to \$18.75 Serge Dresses, in black, navy blue, brown, French blue, plum color, beige and green. Plaited and long-waisted models, with braid binding, soutache braiding or metal-thread stitching for Second Floor, Centre



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themselves conditions as they are in this city and the difficulties I have to content with in getting evidence against houses of PASTORS TO TRY HIM ill repute and dissolute women.

"The woman who has brought suit against me for damages," said Commissioner Walsh. Accused Pittsburgh Official Asks "was arrested in a recent raid on the North Side. Following her arrest a fine was im-That Ministers Serve as Jury posed by the Magistrate, but that was or-dered refunded by the county court on the ground that evidence of specific character had not been offered.

had not been offered.

"It has been charged before Council by clergymen that I made no effort to suppress disorderly houses on the North Side. I think that after the seven ministers sit on the jury in the damage case against me and learn for themselves how difficult it is for the police to secure evidence that will hold in court they will not be so quick to heap censure on me," said Commissioner Walsh. PITTSBURGH, March 7. - "There are even preachers on the jury panel, and I have instructed my attorney to ask the Court to have them all sit in the jury that will hear the \$10,000 damage suit against me," said Police Commissioner Peter P. "I want these ministers to know for

ASSAILS "JUNGLE ANTICS"

IN MODERN DANCING P. Morgan's Paster Deplores Exhibitions of "Vestigial Viciousness, Unlovely in Species"

NEW YORK, March 7.—"Jungle antice-in modern dancing are assailed by J. Pier, pont Morgan's pastor, the Rev. Karl Reli-and, of St. George's Episcopal Church, in the weekly bulletin of the church, made public today.

"The shoulder lurches, paim and arm pumping, clutches and holds exhibit a vertigial victousness unlovely in our species said Doctor Reliand. "The music accompanying some of the modern dances has a real effect on the moral substance of the habitually swayed by it."

Nay, nay, said Morgan's paster, this is not the kind of dancing David performed before the Lord.



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