

U.S. ORDERS SHIP GUNNERS TO OPEN FIRE ON U-BOATS

AMERICANS TO SHOOT AT SIGHT, TAKING GERMANY AT HER WORD IN RE-AVOWING RUTHLESSNESS

Armed Merchant Ships Will Be Sent Out With Orders to Fight, Then Berlin May Act as It Sees Fit. Censor's Lid On

Washington Prepares "White Book" to Be Issued Soon, Showing Vast German Intrigues to Align Enemies for This Government — Wilson May Expect Little Sympathy From Latin-America

WASHINGTON, March 10.

American armed merchantmen will be empowered to fire upon Teuton submarines upon sight.

The State Department made this plain today in declaring that neutral ships could presume that there would be no visit and search by German submarines, inasmuch as Germany had served notice on the world that she would disregard that mandate of international law.

That statement means that when the American ships venture forth they will take no chance with the German vessels.

One sight of a German submarine will be sufficient to justify the American gunners in turning loose the power of their guns. This interpretation, given officially, brought the possibility of war extremely near.

Germany has declared she has spoken her last word, that she will go ahead with her submarine warfare.

If that is true—and the Government has no official reason to doubt it—it is taken officially to indicate sooner or later a clash between a submarine and an American armed merchant ship is inevitable.

The Navy Department today screwed down the censorship lid on the question of armament. While anticipating that newspapers, press services and cable offices will heed its request to withhold armament and sailing news, it took the added precaution of secrecy from within.

The Navy Department request is that news of American ship sailings or arrivals, in so far as the transatlantic area is concerned, shall be withheld.

With its drastic step regarding attack upon submarines decided upon, America today is preparing for war.

By firing first, American merchant ships will lose immunity from attack by the submarines, according to the view of an international law expert here. This means that the bars are down, he said, and that real fight may be expected, unless Germany changes her avowed view and shows leniency toward American ships.

Some officials fear Germany will be as ruthless toward armed American ships as she has been toward enemy merchantmen.

Another group of authorities, however, held to the belief that Germany would be more considerate of American shipping—exercising the international law mandate of visit and search before torpedoing.

This Government meantime is relying upon Pan-American co-operation to aid in stamping out German intrigues in the Western Hemisphere, shattering war schemes that would involve the United States near home.

It is understood on highest authority that this Government, in connection with revealed German intriguing and plotting that stretches from the Canadian boundary through Central America to the southernmost South American country, is considering some kind of pronouncement that is expected to call forth from each of the other twenty American republics an avowal of co-operation in squelching for all time pernicious Teutonic influence in this hemisphere.

Also, the Government is preparing a "white book" wherein it will reveal Germany's treachery. If "needed" it probably will be published to stir an already awakened people as to the real dangers ahead.

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DARED SCOTT NEARING TO FIGHT OR SHUT UP

Father O'Brien, Toledo Priest, 70 Years Old, Scathingly Denounces Pacifist Teacher, Resigned

The pacifist policy of Scott Nearing, who resigned from Toledo University, so enraged the Rev. Patrick O'Brien, of Toledo, he said he felt like taking Nearing by the neck and hanging him to the nearest tree.

Father O'Brien today issued a challenge to Nearing to debate or fight on the question of patriotism in the course of an address welcoming home Toledo's cavalry troops.

"Let Scott Nearing or any other pacifist insult the flag," said Father O'Brien, "and I, a priest past three score and ten, will knock him down." He asked God's forgiveness for making the remarks which he could not suppress in view of his indignation.

The challenge from Father O'Brien was accepted today as the indirect cause of Nearing's resignation. He had been conducting peace meetings. At the conclusion of one of these meetings the pacifists sent a message to President Wilson declaring the right of the people to alter or abolish government if it no longer represented the people.

BOMB THREAT IN CLEVELAND

Three-Foot Fuse to Explode in Railroad Station

CLEVELAND, O., March 10.—A bomb containing a quantity of ammonia was found in the waiting room of the Union depot here today. It had a three-foot fuse.

SCRANTON MINES TO ROUTE THIRTY-FOUR FAMILIES

Residents Up in Arms as D. L. and W. Railroad Agents Notify Them to Get Out

SCRANTON, Pa., March 10.—Heads of thirty-four families, with a total population of seventy-seven men, women and children, are up in arms today over the visit to their home last night of two agents of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company.

The occupants of the houses, residents of West Scranton, were given three months' notice to vacate their homes, the company's representatives making it plain that at the end of that period the houses probably would be seriously damaged and in some instances destroyed through mining operations.

"We hate to tell you people this, but the company's orders must be obeyed and we have to obey them or lose our jobs," one of the warners said. "Better prepare yourselves and get out before anything serious happens," he added.

Almost all of the families notified turn their own homes and the surface rights. The company claims the right to take out the coal regardless of what happens to the surface, because there is a waiver clause in the deeds, executed years ago. A strong appeal is to be made to the city and State authorities to prevent the destruction of the homes.

Frankford Man Found Dead

William Conway, forty-four years, 1208 Elmly street, Frankford, was found dead early this morning on the top of a boiler at the factory of Robert McEwan Company, Church street and Adams avenue, by the night watchman, George McCool. Conway was employed at night, and it is supposed that he fell in and tried to crawl across the boiler. The body was taken to the morgue.

TWINING CALLS TAYLOR REPLY INCONSISTENT

Transit Director Insinuates Predecessor Is Stirring Up "Dead Issues" DEFENDS NEW FIGURES

"Infamous" to Urge Hasty Adoption of Lease for High-Speed Lines

Transit Director Twining took up the cudgels in the defense of his transit policies this afternoon and in a formal statement directed against former Transit Director A. Merritt Taylor replied to the criticisms made by the latter of the Transit Department's revised cost estimates for the high-speed system as submitted to the Public Service Commission yesterday.

Insinuating that Mr. Taylor is endeavoring to stir up a controversy over what the Transit Department considers "dead issues," Director Twining declared that if conditions were repeated he would again sign the letter of November 11, 1915, made public again in Mr. Taylor's statement this morning, in which Director Twining, then consulting engineer, estimated that \$26,000,000 would be sufficient to complete the entire high-speed system.

In reply to Mr. Taylor's intimation that ulterior motives prompted the issuance of the latest estimates, amounting to \$100,000,000 as the cost of the high-speed system on the basis of present prices, Director Twining made it plain that these latest estimates were submitted to the Public Service Commission at its own request.

"I want to say in regard to this that I do not believe the city would be justified in binding itself for fifty years to such a tremendous contract formulated as the result of private negotiations between the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company and Mr. A. Merritt Taylor or any other one man. There are some serious faults in the proposal as it stands and it is infamous for any one to urge that it be adopted in haste. As an official of the city, I propose to use every resource available of my strength and reason in order to secure such a contract as will be fair to the city and safe in every word."

Director Twining, in discussing the construction program for the various parts of the system said Mr. Taylor now is urging the very delay which a year ago he denounced after the Transit Department heads had recommended it in view of the rising prices.

"When the Department of City Transit," the Director's statement continued, "twelve months ago called attention to the effect of the Daily Chronicle, without revealing the source of its information, declared it was 'virtually certain' that British troops were now in Bagdad and that official confirmation may be expected at any moment."

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The last official dispatches from General Maude made public at the War Office had declared British cavalry detachments between twelve and fourteen miles from Bagdad and pressing steadily forward in pursuit of the fleeing Turks. It was reported yesterday that the Ottoman forces were massing for a defense of the city, and the War office authorized the statement that the Turks probably would make a stand at the Djalah River, six miles from the outskirts. The War Office pointed out that if the Turks were driven from this position they probably would evacuate Bagdad without a fight.

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HIRAM JOHNSON DENIES QUITTING SENATORSHIP

Brands Story He Would Stick to Governorship as "Absolutely and Unqualifiedly False"

SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 10.—Governor Hiram Johnson this afternoon branded as "absolutely and unqualifiedly false" a story circulated throughout the country by some newspapers that he would announce on Monday his resignation from the United States Senate rather than leave the Governorship of California at this time.

The story was printed in a number of newspapers and was circulated in some quarters of Washington and New York.

"This is just another Los Angeles story without the slightest shadow of foundation," said the Governor this afternoon. "It is absolutely and unqualifiedly false."

Stabbed Balky Horse; Jailed

NORRISTOWN, Pa., March 10.—Convicted of stabbing with a penknife a balky horse which he was driving at the Alan Wood, Iron and Steel Works at Ivy Rock, Conestoga McClosky, of Conestogoken, was sentenced to three months in the Norris prison here today.

Arms Plant Damaged by Incendiaries

UTICA, N. Y., March 10.—The Savage Arms plant here, where Lewis machine guns are manufactured for the Allies, was damaged early today by fire believed to have been of incendiary origin. An investigation has been started. The fire was discovered in an oil house and was extinguished by employees.

BRITISH ENTER BAGDAD GATES, LONDON HEARS

Mesopotamian Stronghold Captured, Capital Is Informed

VICTORY ENDS GREAT DREAM OF KAISER

Extreme Eastern Terminus of Proposed German Railway Seized

RUSSIANS' PUSH ADVANCE



CAPTOR OF BAGDAD

General F. S. Maude, whose reported seizure of the Turkish stronghold on the Tigris avenges the earlier surrender of the British forces under General Townshend.

LONDON, March 10.—Rumors that Bagdad had fallen into the hands of the British were in general circulation in military circles today, but early this forenoon the War office had given out no confirmation.

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QUICK NEWS

BASKETBALL SCORES

Table with 4 columns: Team, Score, Opponent, Score. Includes Lehigh (final) 48 vs Drexel Institute 19, West Chester High (final) 37 vs Brown Prep 19, Moravian College (final) 30 vs Lebanon College 30.

FIRE IN DOWNTOWN DELICATESSEN STORE

Fire discovered late this afternoon in the Schloer Delicatessen Company building, 1903-11 South Front street, damaged the structure to considerable extent before firemen succeeded in getting the flames under control.

ROHNER, ACCUSED GERMAN, GETS \$5000

Henry Rohner, German-American importer, accused of connection in the plot to smuggle goods to and from the interned German liners at the Navy Yard, this afternoon was held under \$5000 bail for a further hearing on March 17. Bail was furnished by the Glenn Indemnity Company.

LLOYD GEORGE POISON PLOTTER GETS TEN YEARS

LONDON, March 10.—Mrs. Alice Wheelton, leader in the poison plot which had as its object murder of Lloyd George, was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment late this afternoon. Mrs. Winnie Mason, daughter of Mrs. Wheelton, was sentenced to five years' imprisonment. Others involved in the sensational plot, including Betty Wheelton, another daughter, were found not guilty.

MORE BEEF THAN EVER IN COLD STORAGE

WASHINGTON, March 10.—The monthly report of the Department of Agriculture shows that today there is 17.1 per cent more beef in cold storage than at the same period a year ago. On March 1 there were 157,701,821 pounds of beef in cold storage; 27,948,483 pounds of cured beef, 53,757,897 pounds of pork in cold storage; 246,191,182 pounds dry salt pork and 4,992,635 pounds frozen lamb, the report said.

NEW U. S. QUARTERMASTER FOR PHILADELPHIA

Colonel Moses G. Zalinski of the Philippines Quartermasters' Department of the United States Army, today was appointed deputy quartermaster of Philadelphia. He will sail from Manila April 15 and take charge immediately upon his arrival. His assistant will be Lieutenant Colonel John H. Penrose, now in charge of the depot at the Schuylkill Arsenal, Twenty-sixth street and Grays Ferry avenue.

ADRIATIC, WITH 276 PASSENGERS, REACHES NEW YORK

NEW YORK, March 10.—The White Star liner Adriatic arrived off Quarantine from Liverpool this afternoon, bringing thirty-eight first-class, twenty-eight second-class and 219 steerage passengers. The Adriatic took a course north of Ireland, delaying her arrival somewhat, and reported that she saw no submarines or mysterious-looking craft.

BERNSTORFF REACHES CHRISTIANIA

COPENHAGEN, March 10.—Former Ambassador Count von Bernstorff, on board the Frederik VIII, arrived at Christiania at 1:30 this morning, according to official word received here today.

GERMAN FLYERS SHOOT DOWN SIX ENEMY PLANES

BERLIN, March 10.—Lieutenant Baron von Richtofen won his twenty-fifth air fight with an enemy aviator, it was officially announced today in a statement of aerial activities. German flyers have shot down six hostile aeroplanes and two captive balloons and German defensive fire brought down another hostile flyer, it was announced.

RAILROADS DEFEAT U. S. SUIT FOR DISSOLUTION

NEW YORK, March 10.—The Government suit to divorce the Central Pacific Railroad from the Southern Pacific has been won by the railroads, J. P. Blair, general counsel for the Southern Pacific, announced this afternoon.

YEAR IN JAIL FOR GERMANS WHO SANK INTERNED SHIP

FLORENCE, S. C., March 10.—The eight underofficers of the German freighter Liebenfels were today sentenced to one year in the Federal Prison at Atlanta and \$500 fine each on the charge of having sunk their vessel in the Charleston harbor when diplomatic relations were broken with Germany. Notice of appeal was given immediately, and bail was fixed at \$6000 each.

STEEL CORPORATION REPORTS RECORD ORDERS

NEW YORK, March 10.—The United States Steel Corporation has reported a new high record in the matter of unfilled orders, the highest points in its history being reached on February 28. According to a statement issued today, the unfilled tonnage at that time was 11,576,697 tons, an increase of 102,645 over January 31 of this year. The orders compare with 8,568,596 tons in February, 1916, and 4,345,371 in 1915. The previous high mark was reached in December, when the total was 11,547,285 tons.

TEUTONS TAKE RUMANIAN PRISONERS AND BOOTY

BERLIN, March 10.—The number of prisoners taken at the storming of Magyars has reached thirteen officers, 291 ranks and the booty seventeen machine guns and five mine throwers, declared the official Rumanian front statement issued today.

FRENCH MUNITION SHIP SUNK BY SUBMARINE

NEW YORK, March 10.—A cablegram received here today by a man said to be interested in the ship's cargo said the French freighter Ohio has been sunk by a submarine. The Ohio sailed from New York February 19 or Havre loaded with copper and munitions valued at \$1,000,000. The Ohio carried a crew of about 150 men and no passengers. She was commanded by Captain Beradin.

PRESIDENT'S CONDITION IMPROVED; KEEPS TO ROOM

WASHINGTON, March 10.—President Wilson's condition was greatly improved today; in fact, he has virtually recovered from the slight attack of grip which has kept him in bed for the last two days. He still remained in his room, however, and Doctor Grayson may keep him in bed until evening at least.

ANOTHER HIGH RECORD PRICE FOR HOGS

CHICAGO, March 10.—Hogs scored a new high record again today, the price reaching \$15.10 per hundredweight for tops.

AUSTRIA TO QUIT SHELLING ITALIAN TOWNS

ROME, March 10.—Pope Benedict has received an autograph letter from the Empress Zita of Austria informing him that open Italian towns and cities will no longer be bombarded by Austrian aviators. The letter was in response to reported protests of his Holiness against the bombing of Venice and other Italian cities. When the Austrian Emperor replied assuagingly to these protests the Pontiff finally addressed his requests to the Empress. The raid over Venice ceased before a letter from the Empress brought word that other Italian towns would henceforth be immune from attack.

HENRY ROHNER, GERMAN, HELD IN PLOTS HERE

Two Other "Hyphens" Caught, Accused in Ship Loot Plan

ARREST OF "HIGH-UPS" EXPECTED SHORTLY

Scheme to Remove Valuables From Interned Craft Is Foiled

WILL SEARCH RESIDENCES

U. S. Agents on Trail to Recover Jewelry—Believe Vessels Were to Be Blown Up

Developments in Plot Involving German Liners

- 1. Government agents arrest three influential German-Americans, one of whom is Henry Rohner, wealthy importer.
2. Arrest of trio to be followed by seven more arrests, which, it is believed, will lead to two men "higher up."
3. Plot unearched when Frank Garbarino, special agent, seized motortruck laden with valuables for interned German raiders at Navy Yard.
4. Search warrants issued to aid in locating jewelry worth \$100,000 removed from ships.

The Federal Government net this afternoon ensnared three prominent German-Americans in the plot to smuggle valuables from interned German raiders at the Philadelphia Navy Yard and substitute, it is believed, explosives on board the ships.

The name of but one of the trio arrested was made known. He is Henry Rohner, head of a wholesale importing firm at Fifth and Race streets and influential in German-American circles in this city. He was caught by Deputy United States Marshals Kenny and Kelly shortly after 2 o'clock, and was taken immediately to the Federal Building, where he had a hearing before United States Commissioner Edmunds.

The arrest of these three leaders of German-American circles in Philadelphia will be followed, it was said by the arrest of at least seven more German sympathizers implicated in the alleged plot, making a total of ten. These arrests are merely the privates in the ranks, it was learned, but information gleaned from those in custody is expected to lead to the arrest of two men "high up" who directed the activities of the plot.

The arrest of the other seven involved will be made today. Immediately after Rohner had been brought to the Federal Building, Kenny and Kelly started off hurriedly with more warrants. Government authorities are confident that by nightfall the active leaders in the band will be behind the bars.

LOADED TRUCK SEIZED

The activity of the two deputy marshals followed the seizure last night of a motor-truck laden with boxes at the entrance to the Navy Yard. It was destined for the German liners, the Eitel Friedrich and the Kronprinz Wilhelm, and is said to have contained material other than foodstuffs, as was first supposed.

With this discovery Frank L. Garbarino, special agents of the Department of Justice, held three civilians and a sergeant in the marine corps. This sergeant was stationed at the entrance to the Navy Yard and is supposed to have been charged with allowing trucks to pass in and out of the yard unattended. Together with the three civilians, he was grilled by Garbarino, United States District Attorney Francis Fisher Kane and United States Commissioner Edmunds last night, and the information leading from the questioning is

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Meadowbrook Features in Tablet Formula

The eighth annual indoor track and field meet of the Meadowbrook Club will be held tonight in Commercial Museum, Thirty-fourth and Spruce streets, at 7:30 p. m.

The games will begin at 7:30. The sole event is the five mile event, a sergeant in the marine corps. This sergeant was stationed at the entrance to the Navy Yard and is supposed to have been charged with allowing trucks to pass in and out of the yard unattended. Together with the three civilians, he was grilled by Garbarino, United States District Attorney Francis Fisher Kane and United States Commissioner Edmunds last night, and the information leading from the questioning is

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair tonight, with lowest temperature about thirty-five degrees; Sunday increasing cloudiness and warmer, probably followed by rain in the afternoon or at night; gentle variable winds, becoming easterly.

LENGTH OF DAY

Sun rises, 6:20 a. m. Moon sets, 6:20 p. m. Day, 12 h. 10 m. Night, 12 h. 10 m.

RELATIVE HUMIDITY

High water, 2.84 a. m. High water, 2.84 a. m. Low water, 9:31 a. m. Low water, 9:31 a. m.

WIND

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