

U. S. SLEUTHS HUNT PLOT TRAIL AT LEAGUE ISLAND

GERMAN AND SPOT WHERE HE CUT WIRES



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BRITONS PRESS TOWARD MOSUL, TURKS' ARSENAL

British to Advance Upon Mosul, Ottoman Strong- hold and Arms Center

ACHIEVE BIG TRIUMPH

LONDON, March 12.—Mosul is the next objective of General Maude's victorious British forces in Mesopotamia. While complete details of the occupation of the ancient city of Bagdad were lacking today, and the public was expected to await a full narrative which would show important captures of prisoners and war material from the Turks in the taking of the city, it was known the British forces do not intend to rest on their arms.

The main Turkish army that concentrated for the defense of Bagdad withdrew before British troops entered the ancient Arabian capital. British military writers declared today that General Maude probably will press his advance and march on Mosul, principal base of the Turkish armies now facing the British and Russians.

"The position of Bagdad itself cannot be held against an army advancing on it from either side," said the Daily Chronicle. "We must hope, therefore, that our forces has not only won access to it, but has been able to make sure of going far enough beyond it upstream. Mosul, the city on the Tigris, is the key to the city."

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Hot Springs Results

FIRST RACE, maiden four-year-olds and upward, 6 furlongs.
1. R. A. Jones, 111, Murphy 7 to 1 5 to 2 even
2. Onar, 102, Wagon 12 to 1 5 to 1 2 to 1
3. Eastern, 103, 103, 12 to 1 5 to 1 2 to 1
Time, 1:10 2/5.
Wagon, 15 to 1 6 to 1 3 to 1
Time, 1:10 2/5.
Hed, 15 to 1 6 to 1 3 to 1
Time, 1:11 1/5.
Euler, Heber Smith, 4 to 1
Bon Ois, Kitty Cheatham and Douglas also ran.

Havana Results

FIRST RACE, three-year-olds and upward, 6 furlongs.
1. Marriatow, 104, Mink, \$11.10 \$4.20 \$3.60
2. Onar, 102, Wagon, 5.30 3.30
3. Eastern, 103, 103, 12 to 1 5 to 1 2 to 1
Time, 1:10 2/5.
Wagon, 15 to 1 6 to 1 3 to 1
Time, 1:10 2/5.
Hed, 15 to 1 6 to 1 3 to 1
Time, 1:11 1/5.
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THE WEATHER

FORECAST
For Philadelphia and vicinity—Probably cloudy tonight and Tuesday; colder tonight, with lowest temperature about thirty-five degrees; moderate northerly winds.

LENGTH OF DAY
Sun rises, 6:17 a.m. Moon sets, 7:32 a.m.
Sun sets, 6:59 p.m. Moon rises, 10:15 a.m.

WORLD WARNED U. S. WILL FIGHT SUB SEA CRAFT

Armed Forces Will Guard Ships on Trips in Barred Zone

SAILINGS KEPT SECRET

WASHINGTON, March 12.—The French liner Rochambeau, armed fore and aft, can clear from the port of New York, it was officially ruled today. This is the first case in which the Government has been called to pass upon merchant ships armed fore and aft.

An "armed guard" for the protection of vessels and lives of persons aboard will be placed on all American merchant ships sailing through Germany's barred area, the State Department today notified all foreign offices in this city.

The following statement was presented to the foreigners "for their information":
In view of the announcement of the Imperial German Government on January 31, 1917, that all ships, those of neutrals included, met within certain zones of the high seas would be sunk without any precautions being taken for the safety of the persons on board and without the exercise of visit and search, the Government of the United States has determined to place upon all American merchant vessels sailing through the barred areas an armed guard for the protection of the vessels and the lives of the persons on board.

The State Department gave out the copy of this statement shortly after Secretary Lansing had conferred at the White House with President Wilson.

The official notice will serve to warn submarines of allied Powers as to American intentions.

British submarines, however, are understood to be operated only under convoy, hence there is little likelihood that the armed ships will make mistakes as to recognizing the nationality of submarines.

The "armed guard" will be American navy gunners.

The official statement shows, too, that it is the intention of the Government to arm not only passenger steamships, but also to provide guns and navy gunners for munition ships.

The statement to the foreign diplomats cleared up definitely the question of whether navy gunners would be used.

The State Department holds that the presence of these men aboard will not give the vessel the status of warships. The vessel becomes a warship only when used definitely for that purpose, the department is held that regardless of whether or not secret orders were issued to the gunners, armed merchant ships could not be classified as warships, though Germany has contended that Great Britain's secret orders made her armed ships actual war vessels.

FEDERAL AUTHORITIES PROBE ACTIVITY OF GERMAN CREWS ON VESSELS INTERNED HERE

Justice Department Agents and Customs Officials Pursue Hunt of Nation-Wide Plot Involving American Citizens Formerly Kaiser's Subjects

Federal agents will search the interned German ships at the Philadelphia Navy Yard today to determine whether or not explosives, alleged to have been smuggled into the navy yard by Germans in the city, have been stored on the vessels.

This step, Federal agents said, would be taken as the best means of settling the most question. Orders from Washington to proceed with the search, it is understood, have removed hesitancy on the part of officials here to board vessels belonging to the German Government. Whether or not the search will be made with the consent of the German naval officers was not made clear, as no statement would be made by Frank Garbarino, special agent of the Department of Justice, or Nicholas G. Brooks, special agent of the Treasury Department.

The searching party, it was stated, would include Brooks, Garbarino and United States customs officials.

NO MORE WARRANTS ISSUED

No further arrests were made today in the alleged plot, in which hundreds of German-Americans in all walks of life are said to be involved. Garbarino announced today that no more warrants had been issued.

Government agents return today to a branch plant of the Schutte & Koerting Company, at Cornwells, Bucks County, Pa., the company which is headed by Adalbert Koerting Fischer, a German citizen, one of those under arrest.

Garbarino admitted that some of his men were investigating this plant, which is said to be a testing shop of the company, which manufactures machinery of various kinds. The employees at Cornwells are Germans, and it was thought that the activities of the alleged plotters might be exposed by evidence found at this plant. Although there has been much activity at the place, it was said, nothing of late has been shipped.

Garbarino, asked if he had discovered anything at the plant which could be considered detrimental to the Government, answered that he was not at liberty to say.

A hint to the newspapers not to expect to receive much information was given this afternoon by Brooks.

"You remember the request that Secretary of the Navy Daniels made to the newspapers?" he said. "Well, try to follow it and help the United States."

He intimated that much of the evidence gathered by the agents could not be made public at this time without injuring the plans of the Government.

The city detective force has been called in to co-operate with the Federal officials in rounding up evidence of the alleged smuggling plot. Several city detectives were in conference with Garbarino this afternoon and were sent to various parts of the city. Secrecy as to their operations was maintained.

Another arrest of a German cutting telegraph wires came today when John Miller, alias Harry Fuchs and Fox, was taken from a Pennsylvania Railroad telegraph pole at the Bridesburg station after he had cut four wires, crippling telegraph service between Philadelphia and Trenton. He was captured by Policeman James Carson, of the Frankford station, who ordered him from the top of the pole at the point of a pistol.

HELD UNDER BAIL

Miller was held under \$600 bail by Magistrate Borie, on a charge of larceny. He was equipped with wire snippers and had \$10 worth of copper wire, according to the police. Miller told the police he was a German, had lived in this city for seventeen years and recently returned from an address on a banana boat. He gave an address near Sixth and Callowhill streets, which the police said was fictitious. He was acquainted with Gustav Wendt, alias Fred Fischer, and Anton Zwingler, Germans who were arrested Saturday for wire-cutting in Fox Chase.

AT WORK ALL NIGHT

Silence about their plans marked the work of the United States officials on the alleged plot, in which five arrests have been made. Garbarino was in his private office at the Federal Building all night. Today at the Federal Building all night. Today he received many secret agents, but, with the exception of stating that no more warrants had been issued, he gave out nothing for publication.

Between conferences Garbarino was asked pointblank whether or not the ships were to be searched.

"I cannot tell you," he said.

Immediate steps will be taken to force the removal of the two interned warships as constituting a menace to the city, according to an announcement by Mayor Smith. He said that he believed the vessels would be removed soon to a place where they would not endanger so important a place as the naval base at League Island.

In spite of the insistent reports that munitions were aboard the interned German ships Prinz Eitel Friedrich and Kronprinz Wilhelm, the method of allowing goods to be taken on board was not changed today. The customary guard of a marine accompanied the delivery wagon or truck was furnished. One load of potatoes was taken aboard the Prinz Eitel today, the marine bags contained nothing but potatoes.

Valuable information concerning details of the plot has been unearthed by Secret Service agents in searching the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adalbert K. Fischer, 494 Wissahickon avenue. They were arrested in connection with the plot last Saturday and are said to be relatives of Kaiser Wilhelm.

It is said that the smuggling of explosives was being carried on.

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The Pictorial Section
of
Tomorrow's Evening Ledger
will contain photographs of the
Penn Crew in Action
and
A Camera Man's Daring Climb
up the Independence Hall Sargpole

SAYS PERUVIAN PRESIDENT CONSENTED TO MURDER

Charges Are Contained in Manifesto Relating to Death of Former Admiral's Son

By CHARLES P. STEWART,
Special Cable Review of the United Press and
Evening Ledger.

LIMA, Peru, March 12.—Charges that President Pardo, of Peru, consented to the assassination of Deputy Rafael Grau, son of the famous admiral of early Peruvian days, and a prominent figure in Lima, were made in dispatches from the capital today.

The accusation was made in a manifesto circulated by Miguel Grau, another son of the admiral. He is prominent in politics in the Peruvian capital.

Lima dispatches failed to shed further light on reports of a strong revolutionary movement here.

LOCOMOTIVE LEADER DENIES STRIKE ORDER

Assistant Grand Chief of Brotherhood Knows Nothing of March 17 Edict

CLEVELAND, March 12.—Reports that the "big four" brotherhoods had issued a strike order effective at 6 p. m. March 17 were emphatically denied today at the headquarters of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

"No strike order has been issued," said Assistant-Grand Chief Edward Corrigan, acting head in the absence of Warren S. Stone, head of the union. "I would surely know of any such drastic move."

At the headquarters of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, C. R. Dodge, assistant to President W. C. Lee, and A. E. King, secretary-treasurer, declined to talk in the absence of Lee.

Both Lee and Stone left for Washington Sunday.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Heads of the railroad brotherhoods in Washington today refused to deny or confirm the report from Cleveland that a strike order had been issued effective at 6 p. m. March 17.

"I won't talk," said W. S. Carter, chief of the firemen. Warren S. Stone, head of the engineers, and W. C. Lee, of the trainmen, were equally uncommunicative as regards the reported strike edict. They would neither deny nor confirm the truth of the reports.

R. E. Hand Dies at Cape May
CAPE MAY, N. J., March 12.—Robert E. Hand, sixty-six years old, former State Senator, died today of pneumonia.

EXTRA

U. S. PROMISES TO REMOVE GERMANS FROM NAVY YARD

Mayor Smith, protesting today to Secretary of the Navy Daniels at Washington against the presence of the interned German raiders at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, was assured that the officers and men aboard the vessels would be removed to some other place as soon as accommodations can be provided in abandoned army barracks. Mayor Smith told the Secretary of the fear felt by Philadelphians over the presence of the Germans.

PENN VARSITY A WINS BASEBALL GAME

Penn Varsity Team A 2 2 0 3-7
Penn Varsity Team B 1 0 1 0-2
Cromwell and Gilmore; Bower and Boutin.

BASKETBALL SCORES

Northeast High (first half).... 20 Pedagogy 19
South Phila. H. 2d (first half) .. 18 Northeast High, 2d 5

ADDITIONAL RACING RESULTS

Fourth Hot Springs race, handicap, 3-year-olds and up, 6 furlongs—Old Rosebud, 130, Peak, 2 to 5, out, out, won; David Craig, 101, Sherrer, 6 to 1, 6 to 5, 2 to 5, second; Bob Hensley, 112, Murphy, 7 to 1, 7 to 5, 7 to 10, third. Time, 1:15.

PRESIDENT NAMES EDWARDS FOR REVENUE SERVICE

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Among the nominations sent to the Senate by the President today was that of William H. Edwards to be collector of internal revenue for the second district of New York.

STONE HANGED IN EFFIGY BY CAMDEN WORKMEN

Workmen who have nearly completed the building of the new Camden High School building at Park boulevard and Baird avenue, Camden, this morning hanged Senator Stone, of Missouri, in effigy from the top of their building, which, they say, is the highest point in Camden. The men raised an American flag and a few yards under this hung a life-sized effigy of Senator Stone.

AMERICAN COLONY AT LAGLORIA, CUBA, IN PERIL

HAVANA, March 12.—Government troops were rushed to the relief of the American citrus colony at Lagloria, Camaguey, today on reports that the colonists are threatened by a band of desperate rebels. The rebels have been sailing forth from hiding places in the Cubitas Mountains, robbing outlying settlers and committing other depredations. L. A. Ward, one of the colonists, arrived in Havana today and appealed to President Menocal for help. Menocal ordered Colonel Pujol to send the troops at once.

SUPREME COURT FAILS TO ANNOUNCE 8-HOUR RULING

WASHINGTON, March 12.—The Supreme Court concluded handing down opinions today without deciding the constitutionality of the Adamson eight-hour law.

PRESIDENT, NO BETTER, KEPT IN BED

WASHINGTON, March 12.—President Wilson's condition was still such today that he was kept confined to his bed by orders of Dr. Cary T. Grayson, his personal physician. The President was allowed to sit up a short while yesterday, and the effects were far from good, it was stated. Doctor Grayson said the President's condition was in no way serious, but that no chances would be taken with the heavy cold which he contracted on inauguration day.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION HEAD REAPPOINTED

Mayor Smith today notified Robert M. Griffith, president of the Civil Service Commission, of his reappointment for a term of five years beginning March 15. Griffith in political circles is known as the "thousand-dollars-a-speech man," as he is reported as making five speeches for the Mayor during the last municipal campaign and being rewarded with a \$5000 place in City Hall.

CEREBRO-SPINAL MENINGITIS KILLS BOY

Cerebro-spinal meningitis caused the death of nine-year-old Joseph O'Neil, of 2642 Livingston street. Several days ago the boy left several companions with whom he was playing, rushed home to his mother and complained that he felt his body growing rigid. He was removed to St. Mary's Hospital, where he died early today. The boy was the son of Charles O'Neil, a coal dealer at Lehigh avenue and Aramingo street.

MONTH'S FIRE LOSS IN U. S. AND CANADA \$29,587,660

Fire losses in the United States and Canada during February aggregated \$29,587,660, compared with \$24,770,770 a year ago, according to figures given out today by the National Underwriters' Association.

DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT GROWS WEAKER

LONDON, March 12.—The Duchess of Connaught, who is suffering from bronchial pneumonia, was reported weaker today. Physicians consider her condition serious.

WOMAN ELECTED TO MEXICAN CONGRESS

MEXICO CITY, March 12.—Miss Herlinda Galindo, a suffragist, was elected to the lower house of Congress in yesterday's election, it was announced today. It is estimated that General Carranza received more than 600,000 votes for the presidency. Only scattering votes were cast for his opponents, Francisco Garcia and Fernando Calderon.

HARD COAL SHIPMENTS SMALLER

Shipments of anthracite coal in February, according to figures given out today by the Anthracite Bureau of Statistics, reached a total of 5,178,432 tons, a decrease of 517,874 tons as compared with the same month of last year. The shipments were the smallest since last April, when the total was 4,528,784 tons.

"HI" JOHNSON DECIDES TO DON SENATE TOGA

SACRAMENTO, March 12.—Governor Hiram Johnson today announced that he would resign the Governorship of California on March 15. It is believed he will go to Washington to be sworn in as United States Senator a day or two later.

FIVE MIKADO ENGINES ORDERED BY GRAND TRUNK R. R.

NEW YORK, March 12.—An order for five 135-ton Mikado locomotives for the Grand Trunk Railway system has been placed with the American Locomotive Company.

MAYOR REDUCES FINES OF STREET CLEANING FIRMS

Fines imposed on three street-cleaning contractors by Director Datesman, of the Department of Public Works, were reduced today by the Director, acting under orders from Mayor Smith. The reductions were ordered after an appeal to the Mayor by Edwin H. Vane, one of the contractors, who had been fined. The total amount of fines imposed on three contractors, Edwin H. Vane, R. J. & A. Peoples and the Estate of David McMahon, was \$1445. This was reduced to a total of \$322, a reduction of \$1123.

GERARD COMES HOME WITH TIP ON GERMAN AIM

Ex-Envoy Back Today on American Soil After Trying Experience

TO SEE WILSON AT ONCE

Berlin Banks Hope of Victory on Three Factors, Say Refugees

HAVANA, March 12.—By nightfall James W. Gerard, former Ambassador to Berlin, will again be on United States soil. It has been a long, long way from Berlin to Washington—nearly 6000 miles in the route traversed by the former envoy—and until the very last moment it was a journey filled with apprehension—a journey that came after wearing days of long-drawn-out tension in Berlin.

The Ambassador and twenty members of his party left Havana for Key West at 10 o'clock today on the steamship Governor Cobb. Gerard will report to President Wilson at the earliest possible moment. Until he has thus personally detailed the circumstances of those trying days in Berlin and given the Chief Magistrate the impressions he has formed as to Germany's purpose, her present situation and her future aims, he will remain silent.

The only public expression which the former Ambassador permitted himself to make on his arrival here was that he had no knowledge of Foreign Secretary Zimmermann's plot to align Germany with Mexico and Japan until word of that conspiracy reached the infantia Isabel by wireless as she was en route from Corunna, Spain, to Havana.

From other of the ambassadorial party, however, it was learned that the Ambassador months ago advised the United States Government of Germany's intrigues in Mexico.

GERMANY'S THREE CHANCES

Gerard himself declined to submit to interviews when approached by newspapermen here, but several members of his party brought to Havana first-hand information regarding internal conditions in Germany. They reported that Germany, threatened with starvation, was counting upon three factors to save her from defeat. These are:

An effective submarine campaign that will starve England into making peace.

A revolution in Russia.

Withdrawal of Italy from the war.

It rests with President Wilson whether the full story of Gerard's life in Berlin and his impressions of Germany shall be given to the American public. The envoy is known to have ready for submission to his chief a narrative of amazing details. It is

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TWO PHILLY WORKMEN CAVORT IN SOUTHLAND

Walker and Zinn Show Impressive Stuff in Training Camp Baseball

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 12.—Under a tropical sun that wilted the athletes like a dry spell up north in mid-August, two of Phil Moran's athletes made their debut with the rest of the Phillies in the second day's work out at Coffee Pot Park today.

Outfielder Ernie Walker, obtained from Little Rock in trade for Pitcher Ben Tincup and Flycatcher Bud Weiser, and Jimmy Zinn, the heavyweight pitcher from Waco, Tex., showed their wares for the first time. Walker's debut was impressive. He covered lots of ground in the outfield and punished the straight ball pitching in batting practice.

Walker Zinn took things easy his first time out, and as a result did not get into the pitching drill during batting practice. He is taking no chances with the arm that went sore on him at the close on the last Texas League season. Zinn, however, does not expect to have any trouble with his whip. On the other hand, he already has been convinced that his arm will respond to work and that he will retain his old-time form.

So anxious were the athletes to get back into harness that they reported for work at the morning grounds one hour ahead of the scheduled time. Bobby Byrne, who went airplane yesterday, was the first tinker at the lot.

Two hours of drilling in the morning and a like number in the afternoon made up the day's work. The usual batting, fielding and pitching practices were engaged in. Norman Lutz, the big Canadian righthander, was the first pitcher called up in the morning grind. He was followed on the slab by Carmichael, Craig and Fitts.

Rixey, Portune, Mayer and Oeschger saw service lobbing 'em up to the hitters in the afternoon.

Alexander confined his work to weight-reducing stunts and does not expect to do any actual pitching for another week or ten days. He merely is following out his customary gradual-training methods. Phil Moran hopes to stage the first varsity scrum game the latter part of the week, so long as the weatherman been to the stadium in helping them to get into condition.

BAGDAD'S FALL
was reported
FIRST
in the
Evening Ledger
On Saturday afternoon, things were ahead of any other Philadelphia newspaper. And it was so authentic and