

AMERICAN SHIP SUNK UNWARNED BY U-BOAT

STRIKE WON'T BE CALLED NOW, WILSON LEARNS

President Is Informed Railway Chiefs Cannot Act

NOTICE OF STAND STILL UNCONFIRMED

Leaders Said to Have No Authority to Act on Last Year's Ballot

PARLEY IN NEW YORK

Wilson Exerts Pressure to Bring Disputants to Amicable Agreement

WASHINGTON, March 14.

The White House was informed today through members of the railway brotherhoods that no authority to call a national strike was now possessed by the chiefs of their organizations. These men say that the authority extended last summer has expired and that a new vote would have to be taken before a walkout could be ordered, and that this has not been done despite assertions to the contrary. Another referendum would require weeks. Officials were unable to confirm these statements, but received them with interest. Meantime a complete report of the situation was laid before President Wilson by Secretary of Labor Wilson. The President is still determined to do his utmost to prevent the threatened strike, but what plan of action he has is carefully concealed. This notification relieves the immediate threat of a complete tie-up in railway transportation to the extent that the strike would begin Saturday was evidently given out from Cleveland without the authority of the Brotherhood leaders. Meantime, however, the trainmen chiefs are laying plans for a renewal of their demands. This phase of the matter will be brought up at the conference between the labor leaders and the railroad magnates in New York tomorrow. In spite of the fact that the President is now relieved of the immediate danger of a tie-up in the nation's traffic he is prepared to exert the utmost pressure upon both sides to reach an agreement. One of the most serious phases of the situation considered by the President is that the proposed strike plans include a walk-out of employees on the Southern, the At-

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ASQUITH TO ANSWER CRITICS

Will Make Formal Reply on Dardanelles

LONDON, March 14.

Former Premier Asquith will, on Monday or Tuesday, make formal reply in the House of Commons to some of the statements criticizing the policy of his Cabinet, made in the recently published report of the commission which investigated the Dardanelles campaign. Such announcement was made in the House today, the Government granting permission for a statement by the predecessor of Lloyd George.

LANCASTER TO HAVE ARMORY

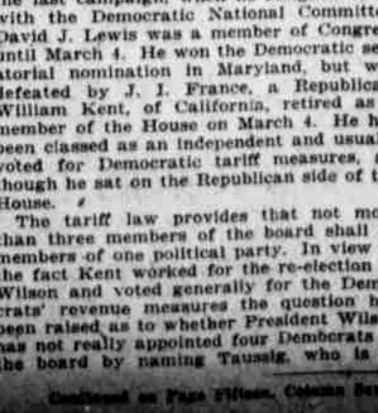
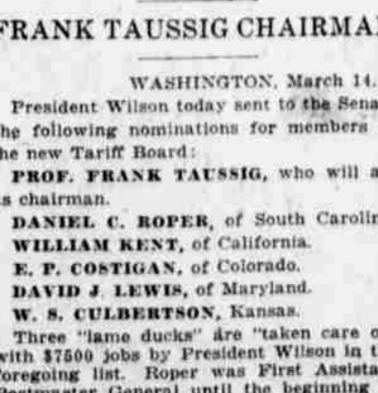
Site Donated and Liberal State Appropriation Is Expected

LANCASTER, Pa., March 14.

The State Armory Board has accepted a site on New Holland avenue, nearly two acres, offered by Frank McGrann, as a gift for an armory for the Lancaster's four Fourth Regiment units. The officers have been assured that a handsome State appropriation for the building will be obtained and building operations will be commenced this spring.

Pictures of Beautiful Gowns exhibited by models at the Walnut Street Fashion Show appear in the Pictorial Section

THE WEATHER FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Rain tonight, with lowest temperature about thirty-five degrees; Thursday fair and somewhat colder; fresh southerly winds tonight, becoming strong west and north-west Thursday.



ALGONQUIN, UNARMED VESSEL, TORPEDOED; CAPTAIN AND EIGHT OF CREW, U. S. CITIZENS, SAVED

Submarine Refuses to Stand by and Offer Help to Struggling Sailors in Barred Zone Attack—Consul Reports Sinking—\$1,000,000 Cargo Lost

LONDON, March 14.

Attacked without warning, the American steamship Algonquin has been sunk by a German submarine. The captain and eight members of the crew are Americans. All on board the vessel were saved. Early reports stated the Algonquin was torpedoed. American Consul Stephens, at Plymouth, however, has reported that the vessel was sunk by bombs. Other dispatches from Plymouth late this afternoon stated that the submarine suddenly appeared about 4000 yards from the ship and began firing without warning. Twenty shells were fired. The ship did not sink at once and men were dispatched from the submarine to send the Algonquin to the bottom with bombs. The crew of the Algonquin were afforded plenty of time to escape while the bombs were being placed aboard the vessel. When appealed to, the submarine's commander refused the request of the survivors to tow the lifeboats, and, departing, left the Algonquin's crew to their fate.

NEW YORK, March 14.

The American Star Line, owners of the submerged American steamship Algonquin, today received the following cablegram from Captain Norberg: "U-boat submarined Algonquin March 12. All saved."

The cargo of the ship was provisions consigned from Swift & Co. The ship was valued at \$400,000 and the cargo at approximately \$1,000,000, the line officials announced.

The Algonquin was not armed, the American Star line stated. Captain Norberg, the Algonquin commander, was a naturalized American citizen. There were eight other Americans in the vessel's crew.

The Americans in the Algonquin's crew, in addition to the captain, were:

- F. G. YERNEY, first officer, Detroit. FRANK JOHNSTONE, first assistant engineer. ALEXANDER PAUL, second assistant engineer, Brooklyn. EDWIN ZIMMERMAN, third assistant engineer, Brooklyn. WILLIAM T. HOLMES, boatswain, Pittsburgh. A. T. FORMAN, 1908 Park avenue, Baltimore. FRANK FERMASON, Gloucester, Mass.

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CAPITAL THROUGHS WELCOME GERARD

Former Envoy, Returned From Berlin, Reaches Washington Safely

MAY SEE WILSON LATER

WASHINGTON, March 14. Ambassador Gerard reached the end of his 7000-mile journey from Berlin to Washington at 1:15 o'clock this afternoon.

The Ambassador and his party were met at the station here by a large crowd of cheering spectators, friends, relatives and Government officials and newspaper men.

Mr. Gerard was in happy spirits, as was every member of his party. He and Mrs. Gerard joyfully waved their hands at the throngs who lined the enflaming movie machine men and joined in the cheering.

Immediately upon arrival, Gerard received a memorandum from the White House, suggesting that he continue to make no comment whatever on the German situation until after he had transmitted his full report to the State Department and President Wilson.

Gerard was as closely guarded as the President when he alighted from the train at Union Station, a large number of Secret Service operatives being on hand to accompany him during his stay in Washington.

Counselor Polk, of the State Department, and a number of friends were in the crowd which met the train.

Gerard reiterated his million-time repeated phrase, "I've kept talkness for 7000 miles, so I'll have to keep it up for a little while longer."

The Ambassador went direct from the Shermans Hotel. He said he had been followed by suspicious-looking strangers while in Havana, but that no attempt had been made to attack him. He appeared to be in excellent health and expressed great pleasure in being back in the United States.

Thomas McCarthy, a member of the reception committee at New York, which is arranging a grand welcome for the returning Ambassador, arrived here to meet Gerard and make final details.

McCarthy believes Gerard will go to New York tomorrow or Friday and will not try to see the President this week, owing to the latter's illness, and will return next week for a White House conference.

The New York celebration in Gerard's honor is to be held Friday.

SCHOOL ELECTION TRICKERY CHARGED

Miss Punccheon Accused of Aiding Scheme to Put in Gowing

DR. GARBER IGNORED

Accusations that Miss Katherine Punccheon, whose resignation as the principal of the Girls' High School was accepted at a stormy meeting of the Board of Education yesterday, deliberately lent herself to a conspiracy with the reactionary members of the board in the election of Dr. Fred Gowing as her successor were made today by Dr. Edward Martin, one of the members of the board.

Doctor Martin, together with Superintendent of Schools John F. Garber, bitterly opposed the tactics used at the meeting by the majority of the board members in what they considered "railroading" Doctor Gowing into the job.

"In keeping her resignation secret," Doctor Martin said indignantly, "Miss Punccheon deliberately lent herself to a scheme that is an outrage to the public school system of this city. Doctor Garber is Superintendent of the Public Schools. Miss Punccheon's resignation should have gone upward through him. Instead, she went over his head and played into the hands of those members who wanted to give a personal friend the job. Doctor Garber knew nothing of her resignation, nor of the selection of Doctor Gowing. I am an active member of the board; I knew nothing of it. No one who was likely to oppose his election knew anything of it."

"It was sprung on us like a flash. The action was subversive of all progress and discipline. The selection of a man for such a job should have been placed in the hands of experts qualified to select him because of his professional merits, not in the hands of men who pick a candidate because they like him instead of because of his ability."

"The whole thing was an outrageous conspiracy, a reversion to old-time methods. If you'd run any business in a dishonorable way like that you'd cripple it."

In commenting on the matter today, Doctor Garber made a brave attempt to

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An entire page of Atlantic City Pictures will appear in tomorrow's Pictorial Section

QUICK NEWS

NEW \$100,000,000 LOAN FOR FRANCE ABOUT READY

NEW YORK, March 14.—Arrangements for a new loan of \$100,000,000 to the French Government will be closed either today or tomorrow and an official announcement made regarding terms, etc. According to present plans it will run for two years, be secured by collateral and bear interest at the rate of five or possibly five and one-half per cent, and offered for subscription on a basis to yield

CHINA BREAKS WITH GERMANY; SEIZES SHIPS

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Diplomatic relations between China and Germany were broken by China today, according to an official message to the Navy Department. The Chinese Government has seized all German merchant vessels, about six in number, in Shanghai harbor, and the crews have been sent ashore. Armed guards have been placed aboard the vessels. The message came from the senior naval commander in Chinese water.

BILL AIMED AT PHILADELPHIA'S DIRTY STREETS

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 14.—Representative Sigmund G. Gans, Philadelphia, today introduced in the Legislature a bill directed against the dirty streets of Philadelphia. The measure would make it unlawful for any firm or person to "refuse or cause to be removed from any store, dwelling or other building any dirt, refuse or rubbish and deposit the same on any highway, street, cartway or pavement, except for the purpose of loading the same in any vehicle that is intended for the removal of such dirt, refuse or rubbish, or for the purpose of depositing the same in any receptacle in which the said dirt, refuse or rubbish is to be carted away."

WILSON STILL SICK AND IN BED ON DOCTOR'S ORDERS

WASHINGTON, March 14.—President Wilson today had been confined a week in his room at the White House, virtually all of which time has been spent in bed, with orders to see no one except under most urgent necessity. His cold hangs on, and his improvement is slow, owing to the fact that his general physical condition is run down as a result of constant worry and work since February 1.

COMMITTEE APPROVES NOMINATION OF DR. GRAYSON

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The Senate Naval Affairs Committee today ordered a favorable report on the nomination of Dr. Cary T. Grayson to be medical director of the navy with rank of rear admiral. This action was taken by a party vote, the Republicans on the committee opposing the confirmation. It is expected that Doctor Grayson will be confirmed in a short time.

CITY GETS BIDS FOR MUNICIPAL MUSIC

Bids were opened today by Assistant Director of Public Works Baldwin for municipal bands to play in the parks and squares during the coming summer. The contract calls for ninety concerts and a band of thirty-nine pieces. Eleven bands offered proposals, but the unit price of the musicians' union seemed to predominate. The lowest bid was \$13,513.50, while the highest bid was \$13,948. The awards will not be made for some time.

GERMAN SUSPECT ARRESTED UNDER P. R. R. BRIDGE

A German who said he was Fred Frank, of 25 South street, New York, was arrested today beneath the Pennsylvania Railroad bridge at Twenty-fourth and Market streets by Special Policeman Boden, of the railroad police. Boden said he feared Frank meant trouble. He had followed him from the Park Junction at Girard avenue. Frank is twenty-four. He told the police several different stories about himself. In all of them he said he came to America six months before the war. He talks English well. He was held in \$500 bail by Magistrate Meclary for a further hearing next Monday.

NORTHEAST GIRLS CONGRATULATE NEW PRINCIPAL

Seven hundred and fifty students of the Northeast High School for Girls and members of the faculty tendered a surprise reception to Miss Deulah E. Fenimore today to celebrate her appointment to the principalship of the new Kensington High School for girls. The committee included representatives ranging from the faculty to the janitorial force. Hundreds of letters and telegrams of congratulations were received today by Miss Fenimore.

U. S. NEEDS WORKMEN TO RUSH WAR PREPARATIONS

Several hundred workmen are needed immediately to rush war preparations at the Philadelphia Navy Yard and the Frankford Arsenal. The local Civil Service Commission received instruction this afternoon from Washington to obtain 200 machinists, 160 toolmakers, 26 optical instrument makers and 250 men on other trades for the arsenal at the earliest possible moment. For the navy yard cooperSmiths, boatbuilders, mattress makers, male sewing machine operators and many laborers are needed. No educational examination will be required. Applicants will be rated on experience and physical ability.

NEW MESSAGE FROM POPE ON WAR EXPECTED

ROME, March 14.—The belief persists in circles close to the Vatican that Pope Benedict is preparing a new and important message on international affairs. No hint as to its tenor can be obtained. It is believed that the message will be included in the allocution which the Pope will send to the consistory March 22. In the last few weeks the Pope has held long conversations with the two English Cardinals, Casquet and Bourne; with Billot, a French Cardinal; with Fruhwirth, a German Cardinal, and with Father Dominic Reuter, ex-general of the Capuchin order.

OBREGON, CARRANZA'S "STRONG MAN," RESIGNS

MEXICO CITY, March 14.—General Alvaro Obregon, the "strong man" in the Carranza Government, has resigned as Minister of War in the Cabinet and shortly will retire to private life. It is not known today whether his resignation will be accepted. General Obregon's retirement will be a severe handicap to Carranza's efforts to destroy marauding bands which still infest the republic. The one-armed leader was the ablest man in Mexico and the only leader who ever soundly thrashed Villa.

BERNSTORFF TO SEE CHANCELLOR TODAY

BERLIN, March 14.—Count von Bernstorff, who arrived in Berlin last night with his official party, is expected to hold a conference with Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg and Foreign Secretary Zimmermann today. Following this conference it is believed the statement which the former Ambassador to the United States has prepared regarding Secretary Zimmermann's note to Mexico will be made public.

EXTRADITION CASE AGAINST THAW TO CONTINUE

Extradition proceedings against Harry K. Thaw have not been dropped, despite the finding of the lunacy commission which adjudged him insane. District Attorney Swann, in New York, has appealed again to Governor Whitman, asking him to co-operate in his efforts to have Thaw extradited. A letter has been sent by Mr. Swann to Governor Brumbaugh, renewing his request for a hearing on the case. Lunacy is no defense to application for extradition, according to a recent decision of the Supreme Court, he said.

TINPLATE WORKERS GET WAGE INCREASE

SHARON, Pa., March 14.—Announcement was made that the skilled employees at the sheet and tin works of the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company would receive an advance in wages, effective March 15. Tin workers will receive five per cent and sheet workers one and one-eighth per cent. About 1200 are affected.

BOY-ED "SEEN" IN BERLIN, BUT HUNTED HERE

Secret Service Agents Declare Spy Hides Near City

SUPPOSED TO HAVE COME IN SUBMARINE

Detectives Maintain Former Embassy Attache Is in Suburbs

DENIAL AT GIRL'S HOME

Mrs. Mackay-Smith's Butler Asserts Teuton Has Not Been in Home

Boy-Ed Mystery Deepens With Conflicting Reports

- 1. Government agents, asserting that Captain Boy-Ed has been seen recently in Philadelphia, search for former naval attache of German embassy on theory that he is hiding in suburbs. 2. Berlin dispatches say Boy-Ed is in Berlin, mentioning him as greeting former Ambassador von Bernstorff and party on their arrival. 3. Former Ambassador Gerard, reports Boy-Ed in Berlin recently, but does not know if he is there now. 4. Mrs. Mackay-Smith, widow of Bishop Alexander Mackay-Smith, of Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, denies that Boy-Ed has visited her daughter, Miss Virginia G. Mackay-Smith, since eighteen months ago. 5. Government agents, discounting contradictory information, point out that premature publication of the fact of the search for Boy-Ed has jeopardized likelihood of his capture, if he is in this country.

Where is Captain Carl Boy-Ed?

The former naval attache of the German embassy at Washington, dismissed by President Wilson fifteen months ago, has smuggled himself back into this country to direct from this city the further conspiracies against the United States, according to evidence in the possession of Government officials, which indicates that Boy-Ed is hiding in a Philadelphia suburb. Berlin dispatches and ex-Ambassador Gerard contradict this evidence, the returning diplomat saying that Boy-Ed was in Berlin recently, and today's Berlin dispatches asserting that he is there now. The Evening Ledger has had in its possession for several days the information that Boy-Ed had been seen in Philadelphia. A representative of the Evening Ledger was sent to Washington to investigate the report. Government officials verified the report that Secret Service agents were working on the case. They requested that the Evening Ledger withhold publication of the facts until notification was received from the Government that publication would not interfere with plans for the capture of Boy-Ed. This the Evening Ledger did, not wishing to warn Boy-Ed.

The Government's plans having been frustrated by premature action by a newspaper yesterday, the Evening Ledger today is enabled to present the remarkable coincidences which weave a romance around the whereabouts of Boy-Ed.

Government officials take with a big pinch of salt Berlin's reports of Boy-Ed's presence in Germany, pointing out that these may well be calculated to serve as "blinds." They also indicated what they considered would be Boy-Ed's logical defense if captured, a defense that would appeal to a sentimentalist and a lover of romance. This defense, it was officially forecast, would be:

"Yes, I came back to America, but I did not return for an evil purpose, nor for the furtherance of policies leading to ultimate victory for my Fatherland. I came back secretly after I was recalled officially, to be at the side of the woman I love. Therefore, if you can punish a man for love, I am that man. Punish me."

Captain Carl Boy-Ed, former naval attache of the German embassy at Washington, furnished for the United States today the most thrilling international mystery of the war.

The Teuton officer, dismissed by President Wilson, is still in the country.

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FRANCE'S GREAT SAMPLE FAIRS

How France is working to get and hold the trade which Germany had before the war will be told in an illuminating article by HENRI BAZIN

Our Special Correspondent in France in tomorrow's Evening Ledger