

PRUSSIANISM AGAIN WINS IN REICHSTAG

Michaelis Adroitly Outmaneuvers the Coalition Peace Majority

MUTINY NEWS HELD BACK Capelle's Announcement is So Timed as to Strengthen Position of Chancellor

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 12.—The Kaiser has issued a proclamation to the German fleet warning the sailors of dire penalties in case of any further mutinous outbreaks. It states that the offenders will be "summarily dealt with."

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 12.—Again the German Reichstag has adjourned, this time until December 5, leaving the peace situation "up in the air."

The biggest sensation of the whole session was the announcement of Admiral Capelle, German Minister of Marine, that a "revolutionary" mutiny had broken out in the navy, and dispatches from Berlin today stated that the Government had purposely held back news of the uprising until the psychological moment in order to strengthen the position of Dr. Georg Michaelis, the Imperial Chancellor.

Being the mutiny as the chief argument, the pan-German newspapers are demanding a more drastic attitude toward the Socialists in order to "stamp out any further action that may be breeding."

The coalition peace majority in the Reichstag was cleverly outmaneuvered and the Government got through the whole session without being compelled to go into details over peace terms.

It was a victory for "Prussianism," for the fight against the representatives of the Prussian war party was completely sidetracked.

Except for the announcement of the Chancellor and German Foreign Minister that Germany will never give up Alsace-Lorraine and the newspaper report that Germany and Austria will make a new peace offer on the terms of no annexations and no indemnities, the Reichstag adjourned.

In the meantime the Kaiser has gone to Spa, where it is reported a peace party will be held, with representatives of all the other German allies present.

GERMAN TRAP SEEN IN MUTINY DISCLOSURE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—Allied and neutral diplomats did not have today the optimism of American government officials over the German fleet. Instead they expressed the view that announcement of the trouble was made for American consumption with a view to creating false hopes of peace, while at the same time reflecting upon a portion of the German Socialist party.

Confidential reports show that there is some dissatisfaction in the Austrian as well as the Italian ranks, and that the British here say this is not sufficient to cause a revolution, any more than labor troubles in America mean that a revolution is impending.

One Allied diplomat declared that Germany is doing her best to make this country believe a revolution is imminent, but he believed that "the Teutonic mind is resistant to Kaiserism" and that there will be no upheaval until after the war is ended by a battlefield decision.

JUNKERS HOLD GRIP; BRITAIN STANDS PAT

LONDON, Oct. 12.—More fragmentary reports from German naval mutiny and phrases from German Foreign Secretary Kuhlmann's recent Reichstag "war aims" speech brought conviction to the British press and public today that the Junkers are again firmly fixed in power in Berlin.

Both Premier Lloyd George and former Premier Asquith indicated this was their belief in separate speeches, but Lloyd George's England's intention of never consenting to a peace that didn't fulfill every line of France's demands for Alsace and Lorraine.

"Depend upon it," Asquith said, speaking at a Liverpool patriotic meeting, "we will never find peace through a morass of equivocations and ambiguities. Plain questions and concrete cases are carefully avoided by the Germans."

London now regards Von Capelle's announcement to the Reichstag of the German naval mutiny as camouflage under which the Junker party is likely to pass a political knockout, for the present at least, to the growing liberal element in the German parliamentary body.

The Socialist and Radical has been gathering powerful opposition to Michaelis and Vice Chancellor Hefferich, not alone to these two leaders' silence as to the Reichstag peace formula, but likewise because of the revelations of governmental aid to the propaganda in the army for "Fatherland party." A vote of censure for the Government seemed likely to pass.

Thereupon Michaelis loosed his bolt against the Socialists, distracted attention, and to the general confusion again emerged triumphantly.

The public view of the German naval mutiny was aptly expressed by the Evening Star under the heading "A Fishy Tale."

"We are very skeptical over this suspiciously sudden spectacle for washing dirty linen in public. The Prussians are cunning, but clumsy. If three of the mutineers really caused the mutiny, they would have been a secret court-martial and a midnight firing party. The whole thing is a political maneuver intended to strengthen the Junker party on the one hand and to assist the German peace of the other."

THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity: Rain this afternoon and tonight, followed by clear, Saturday fair and much colder; Sunday cool and northerly winds.

For eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey: Rain this afternoon and tonight; Saturday fair and colder; fresh northeast winds.

LENGTH OF DAY

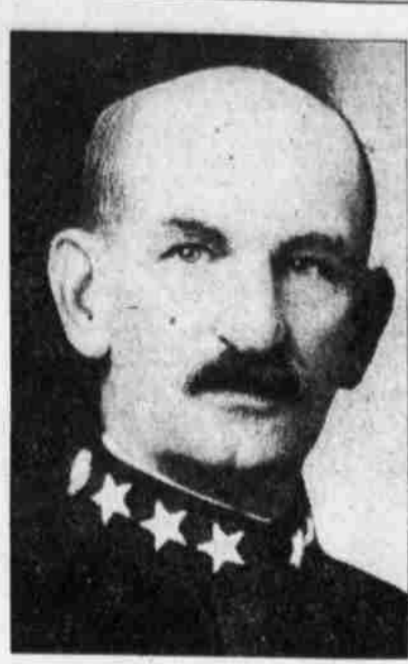
Today, 11:57 a. m. Sun sets, 5:27 p. m. DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES

CHERRYBURN BRIDGE

High water, 11:30 a. m. Low water, 11:30 p. m.

TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

Today, 1917, Oct. 12, 1917



REAR ADMIRAL HENRY T. MAYO

The "greater navy" of America is about to play a bigger part in the war, declares the commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet. The arrival of Admiral Mayo at an Atlantic port after a six weeks' inspection visit to the English fleet and American warships in Europe is announced today.

FLEETS CO-OPERATE SPLENDIDLY—MAYO

Admiral Returns From Inspection Trip, Praising Our Ships Abroad

HURRIES TO WASHINGTON

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Oct. 12.—Rear Admiral Mayo, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet, with his staff, arrived here today after an inspection visit to the American destroyer fleet in European waters. He was enthusiastic over their achievements and the spirit of the men.

"The thing that struck me most forcibly," he said, "was the complete spirit of fraternalism between men of the two fleets. Our ships have done very effective work and are going ahead splendidly."

Admiral Mayo and his staff hurried to a fleet of taxicabs at the dock and sped on to Washington.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—America is about to play a bigger part in the war with her "greater navy."

Plans for fuller co-operation with the Allies are being brought to Secretary Daniels by Admiral H. T. Mayo, back today from a six weeks' visit to the English fleet and the American warships in Europe.

Speculation on Mayo's mission has taken a wide range, some stating he was especially interested in the feasibility of a grand naval offensive against the German submarine bases and even against the locked-up German battleship fleet.

However, the Navy Department's announcement of Mayo's return merely said: "The purpose of the visit was to permit him, in conference with the other officials of the allied navies, to become familiar in every way with the situation as it presents, what had been done before and to discuss the plans for the future."

Admiral Mayo visited the English fleet and our own forces in British waters in order that he might familiarize himself with the conditions under which the allied forces are operating.

Mayo was accorded every courtesy and facility by the British Admiralty, said Secretary Daniels. Mayo will proceed immediately to Washington and make a full report.

MCGARRITY DENIES 'TREASON' CHARGE

Irish Volunteers' Chief Calls England 'Greatest Suppressor of Small Nations'

WASHINGTON AND EMMET

Joseph McGarrity, president of the Irish Volunteers of America, who was named in telegrams sent to German Ambassador von Bernstorff by Von Zimmermann, German Secretary of Foreign Affairs, last January, as being one of three men in the United States who could supply Von Bernstorff with particulars as to "persons suitable for carrying on sabotage in the United States and Canada," today issued a statement in which he denied his innocence of any treasonable act.

The telegram regarding McGarrity, sent to Von Bernstorff, was made public by Secretary of State Lansing on Wednesday. The telegram, it was said at McGarrity's wholesale liquor store, 144 North "out of the city," Mr. McGarrity personally handed out copies of his statement at his office today.

Besides being president of the Irish Volunteers of America, Mr. McGarrity has been a prominent member of other Irish societies and was one of those who entertained Sir Roger Casement when Sir Roger visited this city. The Zimmermann cablegram informed Von Bernstorff that cablegram McGarrity's name had been given to the German Foreign Office by Sir Roger Casement.

Mr. McGarrity's statement follows: "CASEMENT PATRIOT MARTYR

"As to what Roger Casement, the Irish patriot martyr, had to say of me while he was in Germany I know nothing, nor will I ever attribute anything but the loftiest motives to him.

"It is a cowardly act to accuse the dead, who can make no defense, especially when the source which the English Government publicly thanked through its press for the betrayal of the man who was trying to do for Ireland what Washington did for the United States, was such a revelation as was made before the American Revolution as Casement was before the Irish Rebellion. If my memory of what I read

HAIG SHATTERS FOE'S FIRST LINE AS BIG DRIVE IS PUSHED ON 6-MILE FLANDERS FRONT

British Make 'Satisfactory Progress' Northeast of Ypres—Advance at Dawn and Capture All First Objectives. Battle Still Rages

Teutons Reeling Under Field Marshal's Terrific Blows. Fifth Offensive Since August 1 in "Bloody Sector."

Momentous Issues Hang on Foe's Tottering Defense

LONDON, Oct. 12.—All first objectives were swept over and taken in the first dash of another tremendous British drive early today.

The victory was achieved despite the fearful state of the ground—literally an ocean of mud, through which the advancing Tommies waded and almost swam. Reports from the front show the drive is still in progress. Field Marshal Haig's attacking waves have now arrived within a short distance of Passchendaele.

"Northeast of Ypres we attacked on a front of about six miles about 5:25 this morning," the British commander-in-chief reported, "with satisfactory progress."

"There was rain during the night." In five successive drives against this same "Ypres sector" since August 1, British troops have penetrated the German defenses at least five miles. The attack of October 4 pushed the Germans even further back than this average of one mile per attack. Likewise, it was the first time that the new German system of defense by concentrated shell craters and "pill-boxes" had been thoroughly tested out.

British attackers found them even easier of assault than the former system of intricate trench lines.

Abandoning his former strategic system of making a sudden sharp blow, taking territory, and then awaiting possibly weeks until all positions had been thoroughly consolidated before hitting again, Field Marshal Haig struck only four days after this drive of October 4. His men went "over the top" again on Monday. Again they gained great sections of German-held Belgium.

Four days after this second successful smash—at 5:25 this morning—the British commander-in-chief has again set his Juggernaut in motion.

The highest hopes were raised here early today by the news of this resumed offensive. First of all, London realized that weather conditions could not possibly be worse for fighting. It has rained almost steadily for five days in Flanders. Every dispatch of late has emphasized the wallowing sea of mud there. The public, therefore, accepted the fact that under such adverse conditions Haig has again chosen to attack as proof of knowledge by the British commander-in-chief that he now

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PINNED UNDER A COAL TRUCK

President of Storage Company Narrowly Escapes Death

Robert J. Moran, of 430 South Fifty-second street, president of a storage company, narrowly escaped death today when a runaway truck in which he was driving collided with a truck belonging to the Collins Coal and Wood Company and overturned, pinning him beneath the machine. The accident occurred at Fifty-second and Catharine streets. Walter Parker, of 4210 Market street, driver of the coal truck, escaped with bruises.

Fellowman Kirkpatrick, who witnessed the accident, called aid and removed Moran from under the machine. He was treated for severe cuts and bruises by a nearby physician.

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START WILMINGTON GAS "GRAB" FIGHT

Organized Labor Launches Campaign Against Proposed Rate Raising

WILMINGTON, Oct. 12.—Organized labor in this city, led by the four big brotherhoods and backed up by the Voters' Nonpartisan League, today began a vigorous fight against the Wilmington Gas Company as a result of the increase of ten cents per thousand feet of gas, proposed by the company at a "star chamber" midnight session of the Board of Public Utility Commissioners on Tuesday as a substitute for the obnoxious twenty-five-cent monthly meter tax, and approved by the board without even the formality of a public hearing.

The decision to wage war on the gas company was reached late last night at a meeting of the Voters' Nonpartisan League, when a representative from the four brotherhoods sought and obtained from the league a pledge of co-operation in the plan of action.

The four brotherhoods, the membership of which totals about 1800 voters in this city, are the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, the Order of Railway Conductors, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Enginemen and Firemen.

The plan of the fight as tentatively agreed upon today includes the following steps:

First, a campaign throughout the city to crystallize public sentiment against the gas company's proposed "grab" and to secure the co-operation of all labor and other organizations in the movement.

Second, application to the court for an injunction to prevent the company from putting into effect the rate increase until the matter has been thoroughly threshed out.

Third, a physical valuation of the company's property, at the order of the Court or by the Board of Public Utility Commissioners along the line of the appraisal made of the property of the Philadelphia

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QUICK NEWS

STATE TROOPERS ARREST THREE IN MINE EXPLOSION PLOT

GREENSBURG, Pa., Oct. 12.—The State troopers today arrested Chief of Police Emerson Moore, of Smithton, and two foreigners in connection with the blowing up of the tippie of the Mergisville Coal Company. The men were former employees of the company.

ARTILLERY FIGHT RAGES ON WHOLE FRENCH FRONT

PARIS, Oct. 12.—Artillery activity along virtually the whole French front was reported in today's official statement. It was especially violent along the right bank of the Meuse. Various raids were repulsed.

INSURANCE CUT SHOWS U-BOATS ARE WEAKENING

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—A cut of 33 per cent in the cost of Government insurance for crews traversing the submarine zone was taken as further evidence of waning U-boat effectiveness. Vessels trading with the Azores, the Canary Islands and Morocco ports on the Atlantic were added by today's Treasury order to those touching at European and Mediterranean ports as requiring seamen's insurance.

TO RUSH PARKWAY WATER PIPE LINE

Director Datesman arranged this morning with Chief Dunlop, of the Highway Bureau, for prompt inauguration of the work of laying the water pipe in the Parkway between Twenty-second and Twenty-fifth streets, on which bids were opened on Wednesday. It is highly desirous to have this work done with all possible haste, because of its important relation to the completion of the Parkway west of Twenty-second street, for which the Director has already let a contract.

OHIO SHIVERS WITH COAL BINS EMPTY

CLEVELAND, O., Oct. 12.—With snow falling over northern Ohio today and the coal bins in many cities scraped clean, the shivering State eagerly awaited the arrival of Dr. Harry A. Garfield, national coal administrator. Garfield is expected here today or tomorrow to look into Ohio's serious coal shortage and to appoint a coal dictator. With a drop of temperature in many cities, a cold rain turned into snow. At Lima the ground was covered with snow and more is falling. Snow began falling in Cleveland at daylight. Five schools in Columbus were closed today for lack of coal. Lima's Mayor yesterday seized ten cars of coal and today probably will confiscate five more to keep homes and schools warm.

BALTZ FAILS TO PASS ARMY EXAMINATION

Failure to pass the physical requirements of the National Army at Camp Meade has at last freed Jacob R. Baltz, son of the wealthy brewer, of this city, from military service, and the only obstacle remaining to his return to normal pre-draft conditions is the charge of perjury in connection with his exemption claim affidavits on which he was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury. The information relative to his rejection by the army doctors is contained in a letter from one of Baltz's comrades in camp.

HOUSE SILENT AFTER CONFERENCE WITH WILSON

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—Colonel E. M. House, the President's personal envoy in the task of collecting economical and political data for use at the peace table, brought his two-day visit at the White House to an end today with a final conference with the President. The Colonel is said to have received fresh instructions bearing upon the mission he has undertaken, but he would not discuss the contents in any way. Colonel House explained to reporters that the "branks of the country would be on his back if he talked," and that his course must be one of absolute silence.

SWITCHBACK BREAKS DOWN

The annual excursion of the Philadelphia Christian Endeavor Union to the "switchback," which was announced for tomorrow, has been canceled, due to an accident that has caused the mountain railroad to shut down.

INSIST JAPAN FURNISH MEN AND SHIPS

TOKIO, Oct. 12.—The Allies are insisting on Japan's participation in the war with men and fighting ships, according to the military writer of the newspaper Nichi Nichi today. The writer expressed the belief that the Allies' demands would become more and more insistent from now on.

PREPARE U. S. TROOPS FOR NIGHT FIGHTING

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—Preparations for night fighting on a great scale by the American troops in France are being made by the War Department. Prior to night engagements, each infantry and field artillery unit will be given ten Very pistols for throwing illuminating pyrotechnics into the air, it was announced today. Three hundred illuminating cartridges, colored red, white and green, also will be distributed. In addition to the pistols, all infantry and machine-gun units will receive one hundred each of red, white and green lights. Ordnance plants will be maintained behind the lines to supply the fireworks.

HARRISBURG HAS \$100,000 GARAGE FIRE

HARRISBURG, Oct. 12.—Fire of unknown origin today destroyed the garage of the Harrisburg Automobile Company, George McFarland, proprietor, and damaged surrounding property. About fifty automobiles, some of them new, were burned. The loss, partly covered by insurance, is estimated at \$100,000.

FOUR SWEDISH SHIPS TAKEN BY ENGLAND

LONDON, Oct. 12.—Four Swedish ships in English ports were requisitioned by the Government today.

RUSSIANS FIRE ON "FRIENDLY" GERMANS

PETROGRAD, Oct. 12.—Attempts by German soldiers to fraternize with the Russians on the Dvina River front have been strongly dealt with, said a dispatch from headquarters today. German soldiers with white flags attempted to enter the Russian trenches, but were fired upon and driven back to their own lines.

RUSSIAN TRAIN BANDITS KILL 8, WOUND 50

PETROGRAD, Oct. 12.—A band of seventy criminals who derailed a mail train on the Rostov-Tiflis line at Vladikavkaz, killed eight passengers and wounded fifty. The robbers stole up the rails and, after the train had been wrecked, attacked the passengers with rifles.

NEW BETHLEHEM CURB MARKET SUCCESS

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Oct. 12.—Curb markets advocated by the State Public Safety Committee have proved a failure on the South Side, but on the East Side the one started yesterday was a great success. All the farmers who came in from the country were sold out in quick time and the housewife found that she was getting produce at a somewhat lower rate than prevails at the regular market.

LITHUANIANS DENY ALLEGIANCE TO I. W. W.

MINERSVILLE, Pa., Oct. 12.—At a meeting of Lithuanians, representing a population in this county of 5000, under the auspices of the United Mine Workers, resolutions of loyalty to the United States Government were passed and indignant denial was made of statements widely circulated that the Lithuanians have gone over in a body to the I. W. W., an organization alleged to be very strong in membership in the vicinity of Minersville.

ECONOMY CAMPAIGN INDORSED BY GOVERNOR EDGE

TRENTON, Oct. 12.—Governor Edge has put the official stamp of his Administration upon the plan of the New Jersey Committee on Public Safety for a State-wide campaign in the interest of strict economy of service and of commodities. The Executive urged particularly that the people of New Jersey cooperate with the Federal Government in all matters tending to strengthen the nation at home and abroad.

REMOVE MAYOR BY CONVICTION AT TRIAL, PLAN

Formal Impeachment Proceedings Are Not Contemplated at Present

REPRISALS THREATENED

Senator Vare Says Some of Prosecutors Will Be Arrested and "Frame-Up" Proved

Mayor Thomas B. Smith will not face actual impeachment proceedings for alleged misbehavior in office before the "Bloody Fifth" Ward murder conspiracy charges are tried.

This announcement was made today by a member of the prosecution, who said that such a strong case has been presented against the Mayor that he will be convicted, whereupon impeachment will become automatic.

Threatening arrests as a counter-blow against the prosecution, State Senator Edwin H. Vare, named as "the little fellow" in the conspiracy, today promised a complete exposure—"under oath"—of what he alleged to be a colossal "frame-up" against the Vare political faction, of which all the defendants are adherents.

Mayor Smith, held on seven counts by President Judge Charles L. Brown, of the criminal branch of the Municipal Court, for the November Grand Jury, is under \$10,000 bail for hearing in habeas corpus proceedings October 29 before Judge J. Willis Martin, of the Court of Quarter Sessions.

Argument on the writs, whereby the Mayor and his eight codefendants were released in bail, will be held at this hearing, which promises to be one of the biggest chapters in the tragedy of the "Bloody Fifth" Ward expose.

TRY TO QUASH PROCEEDINGS

At this hearing an effort to quash the entire proceedings before Judge Brown will be made by the Mayor's counsel, who, through James Searle, announced that it considers the hearing before Judge Brown as committing Magistrate as unconstitutional.

The Coroner's inquest into the killing of Acting Detective George A. Epley probably will be held next Wednesday. It was Epley's death at the hands of imported New York gunmen in the primary election of September 19 that precipitated the grave charges against the Mayor and other "men higher up."

Hint of impeachment proceedings was given when former Judge James Gay Gordon, of the prosecution, asked that the Mayor be held for misbehavior in office in addition to the other charges as a preliminary to "putting into operation the machinery to remove him."

It was pointed out today, however, that impeachment proceedings probably would impede the trial, the utility of such proceedings—a Vare Mayor being tried before a Vare Select Council—being further pointed out. Attorneys of the prosecution expressed confidence that a conviction can be registered against the Mayor, branded by Judge Brown as the "principal malefactor" in the crime.

JUDGE BROWN UPHOLDS ACTION

Much comment was caused by the move of the defense to wreck the entire case against the Mayor by arguing that the proceedings in the Municipal Court were not within the jurisdiction of the court on the grounds that Judge Brown could not sit as a committing magistrate in this case.

Judge Brown, asked to comment on the law creating the Municipal Court, said: "The Supreme Court has declared the legality of the act many times." Section 11, Article B, of the act creating the Municipal Court, was pointed to by persons associated in the prosecution as proving that Judge Brown was within his jurisdiction in presiding at the hearing. The section reads as follows: "The Judges of the said Municipal Court shall be ex officio Justices of the Peace. When defendants are bound over for trial in any case indictments may be presented against them before the Grand Jury in accordance with existing laws, which indictments may be tried either in existing courts or in the Municipal Court as the case may be provided, however, that if it shall be decided by the courts that provisions herein for exclusive jurisdiction in the Municipal Court are unconstitutional."

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Ackerman Answers Eliot and Wells on Peace

In a joint letter to the editors of the Evening Ledger and the London Daily Telegraph, Mr. Carl W. Ackerman, author of "Germany, the Next Republic?" answers Dr. Charles W. Eliot's recent article, "Informal Steps Toward Peace," and a similar article by H. G. Wells, the British novelist, entitled "A Reasonable Man's Peace." Mr. Ackerman's letter will appear in Tomorrow's Evening Ledger.