

LINER LISTS AFTER STRANGE WARNINGS

Imperator, Formerly German, Ends Perilous Trip With Water Pouring In

SEVERAL OF CREW KILLED

By the Associated Press
Southampton, England, March 19.—The steamship Imperator, which arrived here this morning from New York, will have to be again overhauled, although this is only her second Atlantic trip under new management. Her next sailing date has been canceled.

It is stated the Imperator has not yet been relieved of the list which was observed on her last voyage. This list is said to be due to the fact that her ash ejectors have failed to work and instead of clearing out the ashes have taken in water. The list caused some alarm to those of her 2000 passengers who did not know the reason for it.

London, March 19.—The former German, later American, now British liner Imperator has just completed the most exciting journey of its career. For three days the giant vessel was virtually helpless, with a list of 45 degrees. Several first-class staterooms were flooded. Some members of the crew were killed.

Among those on board was Samuel Vanclein, president of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, Philadelphia. Mr. Vanclein was on his way to Paris to confer with European managers of the Baldwin concern. Later he intends to visit Russia. Apparently he was not injured.

The Imperator left New York on March 8. All went well until last Sunday evening, when, in the course of a concert in the first-class saloon, 400 passengers were thrown from their seats as the big ship dropped to a sharp list, which increased steadily. The passengers say there was no panic, however.

Several saloon passengers declared that they received anonymous warnings from Washington that it would be dangerous to sail on the Imperator, but I determined to pay no attention to it and sailed anyway. The staterooms were flooded after the ship listed. My own cabin had a foot and a half of water, but I continued to occupy it. I had to crawl to my bed over trunks that were floating around over the floor.

Arthur Hammerstein said: "We were in grave danger, but did not realize it until we reached Southampton this morning. I was warned in New York not to sail on the Imperator, but I disregarded the warning. I thought it was merely a scare started from Germany's sources."

Mounted Policeman Thrown
Anthony Scarduzio, a Camden mounted policeman, living at Third and Winslow streets, received injuries in the face and side this morning when he was thrown from his horse at Broadway and Kaighn avenue. Scarduzio, who patrols Yorkship village, was taken to the Cooper Hospital to be treated. His condition is not serious.

READERS' VIEWPOINT

Letters to the Editor on Current Topics

Silence of Officials

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:—
Sir—Your editorial concerning the silence of some of the men at the head of our city government regarding the defects of their administration is splendid. Did you ever see a play called "Alone," in which the chief character was a celebrated civil engineer who was placed in control of the public works of a certain city in Germany? He found that sickness and death came from causes residing in the filth of the river flowing through the place and supplying it with its drinking water, etc. With an eye single to the welfare of the people entrusted to his care he advised turning the course of the river and thus improving the health of the people residing in the infected locality. Instantly he was charged with injuring the business of the concern doing business along the route of the river, and eventually he was driven to the loneliness that comes from persecution, even to his family, who were urged to regard him as an imbecile, and therefore crazy. There he stood on the stage alone—alone in the interests of the people—the people who could not see farther than their noses; at least, could not perceive that this man was their

savior—or wished to be. So we have certain men, high in office, trying to muzzle certain other men who have been appointed to do service to the city, but who go about it as though they meant business. When they speak the truth and say that Philadelphia is the filthiest city in the Union, they speak the truth; but if they continue to speak the truth they will stand alone, for who will come to their defense in the matter of being loyal to the office which they have been appointed? Attach a string to the neck of some appointments and you have the fact of a muzzle on the faithfulness of the appointees.

This morning the streets of the city were, in thousands of places, dirtier than I have ever seen them, with the chances borne in mind of the opportunities to clean them.

Inspectors apologize because "the poor contractors are so human and labor is so hard to get, and we must not be severe on them." Oh, for Mr. Hepburn to have kept on the job!

GORDON M. CHRISTINE, M. D.
Philadelphia.

Beef in Pennsylvania

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:—
Sir—I was much interested in the editorial in the Evening Public Ledger of March 9, entitled "A Pennsylvania Meal of Pennsylvania Food," especially because of its reference to the production of beef cattle in the state. There isn't any question of its adaptability for orchards, or for raising chickens, or for raising hogs, when it comes to breeding beef animals I am somewhat doubtful, except on the basis of much higher prices than exist today, whether Pennsylvania can successfully compete with other sections, especially the West and South. The principal factor in the economical pro-

duction of cattle is pasture of such a nature that the grass either stays green and nutritious all the year or else cures in the fall and furnishes dry, rich food through the winter, sent on the ground. The South has the former, I believe, in the latter, and in spite of the plowing and the fencing and "settling," the cattle country still has a considerable amount of grazing land, but I have yet to see in Pennsylvania a pasture of really good, neat room and freedom and quiet. Except in the waste timbered sections of Pennsylvania, these conditions do not exist. Another thing in the weather. Out West there is an abundance of sunshine, the stock can stay out of doors the year round. The calves which are born in the spring stay with their mothers all the time until fall, when at about six months of age, they are separated. Wet, raw weather is very hard on cattle, especially calves, and from what I

know of this state, there are a good many such days.

To any one who likes the outdoor life there is no more fascinating game than the production of cattle; and to my mind, there is no more attractive picture than a herd of "white face" cows and calves up in the high mountains on the green grass. But if one of those good old Colorado or New Mexico cows were shipped to Pennsylvania, and got a whiff of the atmosphere at Pittsburgh and then traveled on through all those delightful steel towns, and was refreshed at the end of her journey with a drink of Schuylkill water, she wouldn't tarry very long to become interested in Pennsylvania as a cattle producer. She would pass away from shock and a broken heart.

G. T. L.
Philadelphia.

Dissolution of Austria-Hungary

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:—
Sir—Will you kindly tell me what has

become of Austria-Hungary? Is the dual monarchy still in existence? If not, what countries have been made from it and how are they governed? MISS ANNA P. HAAS
Darby, Pa., March 17.

As a result of the war the dual monarchy was broken up, the major portions being Austria and Hungary. Other portions went to Italy, Poland, Jugo-Slavia and Czecho-Slovakia. Austria is a republic. Hungary is now governed by a regent, but will soon become a constitutional monarchy, according to a recent vote of the people. Poland and Czecho-Slovakia are new republics whose boundary lines are still uncertain. Jugo-Slavia, another new country, is nominally a kingdom but is ruled by a regent at the present time.—Editor.

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