



PRESIDENT RESERVES JUDGMENT ON ATTACK ON YANKEE STEAMER

Will Make No Comment on Torpedoing of Gulflight Until Fuller Details Are Received From American Representatives

CAPTAIN AND TWO OF SHIP'S CREW ARE DEAD

Owners of Vessel Will Ask State Department to Compel Germany to Pay For Vessel's Loss and to Families of Americans Lost

Washington, May 3.—The first official report of the torpedoing of the American tanker Gulflight reached the State department late this afternoon in an undated dispatch from Consul Stephens at Plymouth, England, says the attack was made Saturday, but the vessel was still afloat and that patrol boats were attempting to tow her to the Scilly islands.

Washington, D. C., May 3.—President Wilson will reserve judgment on the torpedoing of the American steamer Gulflight until fuller details are received. The President inquired about the incident when he arrived from Williamstown, Mass., to-day, but was told that so far as White House officials know no official word has come in.

In the face of news dispatches officials State that the attack on the ship is a serious matter, but they intend that a very thorough investigation has been made and that no hasty action should be taken.

Secretary Bryan said that a thorough inquiry would be made but that before official reports were received the Washington government would make no comment.

Should another day pass without information from American officials abroad they probably will be instructed to get in touch with the remote localities where the Gulflight and her crew were taken.

Gulflight and Her Cargo Valued at \$1,000,000

New York, May 3.—The two Americans in addition to Captain Guter, who lost their lives when the American steamer Gulflight was torpedoed off the Scilly Islands, were Charles C. Short, of Chicago, the wireless operator, and Eugene Chapman, of Port Arthur, Texas, a seaman, according to a cablegram received here to-day by the Gulf Refining Company, owners of the vessel.

The message, a brief one, was signed by First Officer Ralph Smith. It said that Captain Guter, whose home is in Bayonne, N. J., died of heart disease, and that Short and Chapman were lost. These were the two men it is believed, reported yesterday to have jumped from the vessel after she was struck and who were lost because of the fog that prevailed.

The ship and cargo, according to James Kennedy, marine superintendent.

INTERNATIONAL COMPLICATIONS MAY ARISE FROM THE TORPEDOING OF AMERICAN STEAMSHIP BY GERMAN SUBMARINE



EFFICIENT VACATION IDEA WIDELY COPIED

Many Firms Follow Elliott-Fisher's Lead of Closing Entire Plant For Two Weeks

WHOLE ORGANIZATION RESTS

Officials Claim Scheme Inaugurated Four Years Ago Saves Time, Trouble and Money

The "Efficiency Vacation" idea, inaugurated by the Elliott-Fisher Type-Writer Company of this city, four years ago is growing in popularity. At least 100 big business plants and business offices throughout the United States have practically closed down for a definite period under the new vacation system.

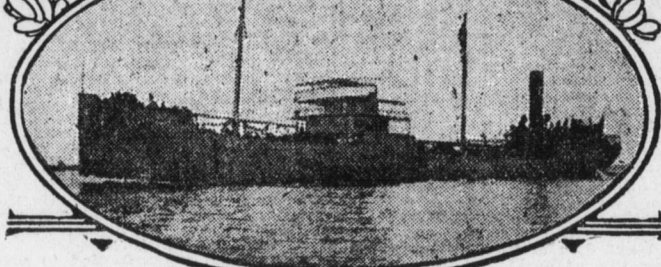
Notice was given last week to every employe of the Elliott-Fisher company as follows:

"The employes of our general office, factories and sales offices everywhere will take their annual vacation from Saturday night, July 24, to Monday morning, August 9, this year.

Emergency orders for new equipment, supplies or repairs, received by mail or telephone, will be cared for during this time as at other periods of the year."

It is estimated that 250 employes will take the vacation. This does not mean that the big plant will close down completely. The emergency orders will be looked after. There will be men on hand in all departments to take care of rush work. Every employe before going on a vacation will leave his or her address, and in substance, should occasion arise. Efficiency vacations in the opinion of Elliott-Fisher officials are a big saving in time, trouble and money. It is explained that arranging vacations for an army of employes is not always satisfactory. Someone usually kicks. The efficiency idea overcomes the kick and lets everybody off at the same time. Referring to the Elliott-Fisher plan, Janet Ruth Rankin in August World's Work, last year tells why the plan is a success. In part she says:

"In the summer months, a whole



International complication, it is feared, will arise over the torpedoing of the American oil tank steamer Gulflight by a German submarine off the Scilly Islands, Saturday.

Captain Alfred Guter, captain of the Gulflight, who died from heart failure as a result of shock and his daughter and wife are shown above. Below the tank steamer Gulflight sailing from Port Arthur, Texas.

TWO MOTORCYCLES FIGURE IN SMASHUPS

Harrisburg Men Seriously Hurt; Girl Hurlled 40 Feet When Team Hits Machine

Marietta, Pa., May 3.—In a collision between a motorcycle and an automobile near Florin yesterday afternoon, Ira F. Brehm, of 1834 Berryhill street, Harrisburg, was severely injured. Mr. Brehm was riding with his brother on the motorcycle and was bound for Lancaster. When near Florin they ran into an automobile owned by John B. Shreiner, of Manheim, who was traveling to Harrisburg. Ira Brehm was the only one hurt, but both machines were damaged.

Mr. Brehm was first taken to Elizabethtown where his injuries were attended to by a physician and then removed to his Harrisburg home. His injuries may prove serious.

Another accident happened near Bareville yesterday afternoon when a motorcycle crashed into a carriage. William Clair was driving the motorcycle and riding with him was Miss Tillie Hollinger, of Rohrerstown, and was thrown about 40 feet, striking her head. She is suffering from concussion of the brain. The carriage was badly wrecked and the two Myers children were thrown to the road and both severely hurt. Mr. and Mrs. Myers escaped serious injury. Mr. Clair had two bad cuts on the forehead and one on the back of the head.

HIGH WAGES CAUSE OF DRINK TROUBLES

Suggestion Made in England That Payment of Excess Earnings Be Deferred

London, May 3, 3.40 A. M.—The "White Paper" on the drink question brings home to the nation in an impressive manner the gravity of the situation. What causes the greatest indignation in the newspapers is the fact not hitherto realized that drink is hampering the work in the shipbuilding and transport trades.

Judging from the editorial opinion expressed in this morning's newspapers, however, serious as the situation is thus depicted, it is not regarded as justifying David Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer, in penalizing the whole nation by an excessive taxation of the liquor industry. It is pointed out in the editorials that the trouble arises from the men earning much larger wages than they have been accustomed to, and the suggestion is made that some means should be found for deferring payment of this excess of earnings until after the war.

"Any one reading Mr. Lloyd George's brief," says the Times in an editorial, "will wonder more than ever what his general prohibitive duties have to do with the matter. Ample grounds are cited for local restriction, but not for the proposed large surtaxes."

Most of the morning newspapers take the same view as the Times, although the liberal papers naturally

NO CHANGE IN TAX RATE FOR SCHOOLS

Millage Will Remain at 8 1/2; to Be Fixed by Board at Meeting Next Friday

NO NEW INCREASE SCALE

Teachers Ask the Committee to Consider Augmenting Salaries; Compliance Doubtful

No change in the school tax rate of eight and a half mills will be necessary for the next twelve months, it is understood, and at Friday's session of the school board the directors will likely fix the present millage for the ensuing year.

Jitney Bus Operators Blame Trolley Company For Tacks on Streets

Savannah, Ga., May 3.—The Savannah Electric Company, owner of the street railway system, is accused by the jitney bus operators of forcing its employes to strew carpet tacks on the streets for the evident purpose of putting them out of business.

Cousin of Coroner Killed When She Jumps From Runaway Buggy

Mrs. Catherine Booser, of Elizabethtown, was instantly killed, and her husband, Elwood Booser, seriously injured yesterday afternoon when the horse which they were driving on the Lancaster pike, became frightened and ran away. Mrs. Booser attempted to jump from the carriage, breaking her neck when she fell. Her husband is suffering from internal injuries and bruises about the body.

F. D. SAFFORD ON TRIAL

New York, May 3.—Franklin D. Safford, who is on trial charged with perjury as a result of his identification of James W. Osborne as the man who visited a hotel in Plainfield, N. J., with Miss Rae Tanzer last October, was ready to resume testimony in his own defense in the federal court to-day.

GERMANS CONTINUE TO SINK VESSELS CLOSE TO ENGLAND

Swedish Steamer Went to Bottom in Less Than Three Minutes After Being Torpedoed, but 18 Persons on Board Escaped Death; Italian Cabinet Will Not Postpone Assembling of Parliament May 12; Allies' Warships Inflict Great Damage on Turkish Forts

The sinking of three more vessels in the North Sea by German submarines in their new campaign is reported to-day. The Swedish steamer Ellida went to the bottom in less than three minutes after she was torpedoed, but the eighteen persons on board escaped. Trawlers reaching Aberdeen report that two vessels in a fishing fleet less than fifty miles off that port were sunk yesterday.

It is believed in Rome that Austria and Germany have decided on another effort to prolong the negotiations between Italy and the central empires in the hope of reaching a peaceful settlement of the territorial dispute. For this purpose it is said that Count Goluchowski, former Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, will go to Rome from Vienna.

The Italian cabinet has decided not to postpone the assembling of parliament on May 12 and it is thought in Rome that parliament may assist the cabinet in reaching a decision which now appears to be almost inevitable.

Information from the Dardanelles by way of London is that the bombardment of the Turkish forts was carried on Saturday and that great damage was inflicted by the warships of the allies. The town of Dardanelles is said to have been destroyed. The Turkish war office, however, states that no action was attempted by the allied fleet on that day. French troops are reported to have made another landing on the Asiatic side and to be advancing rapidly.

Two Trawlers Reported Sunk by Submarines

Aberdeen, Scotland, May 3, 12.42 P. M.—Trawlers making port to-day declare that a German submarine sunk two trawlers within fifty miles of Aberdeen on Sunday. The crews of the two vessels, it is believed, lost their lives. It would appear as though the submarine ran amuck among the

SAFFORD SAYS OSBORNE WAS MAN HE SIGHTED

New York, May 3.—Frank D. Safford, the aged hotel clerk indicted on a charge of perjury in connection with his identification of James W. Osborne, a well-known criminal lawyer, as the man who registered with Miss Rae Tanzer at a Plainfield, N. J., hotel last October, reiterated on the stand to-day in his own defense, that Osborne was the man who had been at the hotel with the girl.

JAPS TO SEND ULTIMATUM TO CHINA

Tokio, May 3, 5.30 P. M.—The Jiji Shimpo, a Japanese newspaper of good standing, issued an extra edition this afternoon in which it made the statement that Japan would send an ultimatum to China, the Chinese reply to the latest Japanese communication regarding the demands of the Tokio government being considered unsatisfactory.

Chicago, May 3.—Charles C. Short, the wireless operator who is reported to have lost his life when the American steamer Gulflight was torpedoed off the Scilly Islands, was making his first trip as a wireless operator. He was 22 years old and made his home with his mother here.

WILLIAM E. KEEFER DIES AT MECHANICSBURG

Mechanicsburg, Pa., May 3.—William E. Keefe, a well-known hardware merchant, died this afternoon at 2 o'clock, aged 59.

Trinidad, Colo., May 3.—The jury which has been considering since last Saturday night the case of John R. Lawson, labor leader charged with murder in connection with the killing of John Nimmo, a deputy sheriff, October 25, 1913, in a battle between striking coal miners and deputies, gave no indication that it had reached a verdict when court opened to-day.

London, May 3, 2.52 P. M.—A German aeroplane, coming from the direction of Ostend, scouted over Dover and Folkstone at noon to-day. It was driven off by gun fire.

London, May 3, 2.52 P. M.—It is reported that a Zeppelin airship is traveling in the direction of England from the island of Vlieland, which is on the northern coast of the Netherlands. The airship passed over this island at 10 o'clock this morning.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Walter Bidman and Marie Kroft, city. William Johnson and Lucinda Starke, Chambersburg. Henry H. Ely and Marie R. Weitzel, Lanester.

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Every hour you hold off purchasing the things you would buy but for groundless fears is just so many minutes between us all and prosperity.

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THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Unsettled weather, probably showers to-night and Tuesday; not much change in temperature. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Unsettled to-night and Tuesday, probably showers; gentle to moderate northeast winds.

General Conditions: The disturbance that remained nearly stationary over the Pacific slope for several days has crossed the Rocky Mountains and is now central over Iowa.

Temperature 8 a. m., 54. Sun Rises 5:06 a. m., sets, 6:50 p. m. Moon, New moon, May 6, 10:31 p. m. River Stage: 4.5 feet above low-water mark.

REVENUE BILLS WILL BE SEVERELY CUT

Governor Will Summon Republican Leaders to Conference on the Subject

Governor Brumbaugh will summon members of the Republican platform committee and the chairman of the appropriations committee to a conference to devise ways and means to provide revenue to down another million dollars to the State appropriation for schools and to furnish more money for roads. This was determined upon to-day at a conference between the Governor and Chairman Buckman and Woodward, of the appropriations committee. Efforts will be made to have the counties provide accommodations for the surplus insane, the State to pay for the maintenance.

THE TELEGRAPH'S BIRTHDAY COLUMN

Beginning to-day, with a picture of Dr. R. H. Moffett, the Telegraph will publish a Birthday Column, presenting likenesses of representative Harrisburgers. So far as possible, the pictures will appear daily, or at frequent intervals. A large number of photographs are now being posed especially for this purpose and as rapidly as possible they will be developed into a daily feature of this newspaper.

ITALY WILL GET INTO WAR AT EARLY DATE, WASHINGTON HEARS

Washington, May 3.—Such advices as have come to the United States government through official and unofficial channels within the last few days indicate that Italy's preparations clearly tend to her participation in the war at an early date.

BEGIN BUILDING OF NEW ASPHALT PLANT

F. D. Cumner Here to Inspect Site; Work to Start Tomorrow Morning

Work on the construction of the city's new asphalt plant in South Ninth street will be started tomorrow by the F. D. Cumner and Son Company, City Commissioner W. H.

WANT BIG ENTRY LIST

In a letter issued to members of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce to-day, from the office of the secretary, E. L. McCoin, an urgent request is made to enter as many cars as possible, in the Publicity Run of the Motor Club of Harrisburg next week.

ANOTHER CUT IN THE U. S. MAIL SERVICE

Charwomen and Janitors Must Take Eight-day Lay-off Each Month Without Pay

Frantic efforts on the part of the Wilson administration to meet deficiencies have resulted in another cut in salaries in the postal service, it was learned to-day.

MAY BOND JITNEYS

The bonding of jitney owners or drivers is being seriously considered by city officials, it was learned to-day. The question of who will pay damages if people are injured or killed by careless jitney drivers has given rise to the consideration of the question.

Few of Big Bunch of Entrants to Telegraph's City Beautiful Contest Just Forgot

Just ten of the big bunch of prospective gardeners who have entered the Telegraph's "City Beautiful" garden contest have failed to inform the outdoor department of the Civic Club of just what type of garden they intend competing for. So the outdoor

JAMES S. TUPPER DIES

London, May 3, 2.45 A. M.—James Stewart Tupper, a well-known barrister and eldest son of Sir Charles Tupper, former prime minister of Canada, died yesterday at Oxford.