



GERARD BELIEVED TO BE IN BERNE BY STATE DEPARTMENT

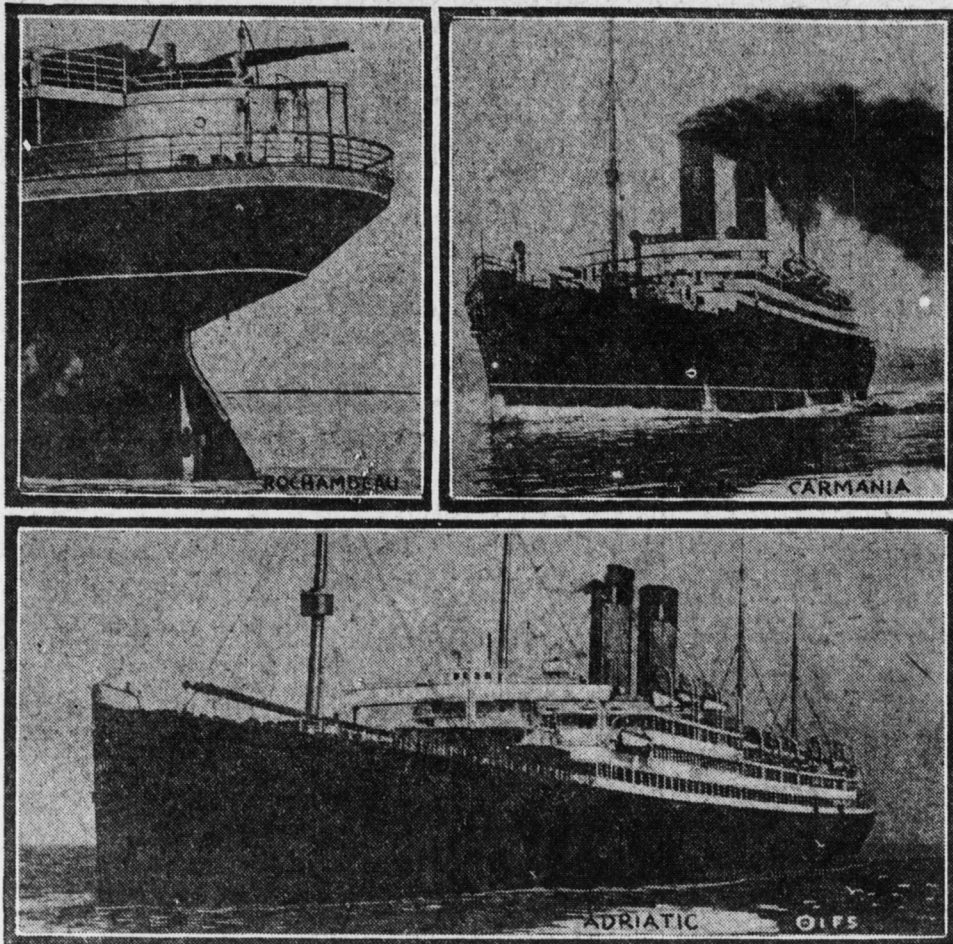
Dispatch From Ambassador Sent From Swiss Capital to Madrid Leads to Belief That He Has Reached Safety; He May Have Sent Message to Berne For Transmission, However

WAS CONSIDERED AS HOSTAGE FOR VON BERNSTORFF BY GERMANY

Preparations For War Still Going Ahead; If Overt Act Is Committed War Would Be Declared at Once; Country Found to Be on Self-Sustaining Basis

Washington, Feb. 7.—Ambassador Willard at Madrid reported to the State Department to-day that he had received a dispatch from Ambassador Gerard sent from Berne, Switzerland. Although no word came from Ambassador Gerard himself or from American Minister Stovall at Berne, the State Department interpreted Mr. Willard's dispatch as indicating that Mr. Gerard had left Berlin and gotten as far as the Swiss capital. The fact that Mr. Gerard was not expected to leave Berlin before Sunday, coupled with the possibility that he may have sent a dispatch to Berne to be transmitted to Ambassador Willard makes it possible, however, that Mr. Gerard has not left Germany but officials expect further advices during the day. From European sources outside of Germany the government has learned that the German government actually did consider Mr. Gerard practically as a hostage until it received advices from Washington detailing the arrangements made for the safe departure of Count Von Bernstorff. The State Department had sent to Ambassador Willard a dispatch to be forwarded to Ambassador Gerard in Berlin, which would be of value only in case Mr. Gerard still were in the German capital. Ambassador Willard replied he had received a dispatch from Mr. Gerard from Berne and wished to know whether he should forward the department's dispatch to him there. The last dispatch from Mr. Gerard at Berlin was dated February 5. In line with its policy of doing nothing to force further strained relations with Germany, it was officially reiterated to-day that the administration

FOREIGN LINERS APPROACHING WAR ZONE DESPITE GERMAN THREAT



The three great foreign liners—Rochambeau of the French Line, Adriatic on the White Star, and Carmania of the Cunard Line—sailed away from New York after the German threat of a ruthless submarine war. Each vessel carried a number of passengers. The Rochambeau carried American passengers and had her gun showing plainly at her stern as she sailed from New York harbor. The British boats also carried guns.

11 SHIPS OF 14,000 TONS ARE SUNK DURING THE DAY

Up to a late hour this afternoon the day's reports of vessels sunk in the new German submarine campaign totaled eleven of an aggregate of more than 14,000 tons.

The sinking of the Italian steamer, Ferruccio, of 2192 tons, added another to the list of submarine victims and increased the total tonnage destroyed to more than 14,000.

It is asserted in an official statement by the British government that the British passenger steamer, Port Adelaide, recently reported sunk while bound from London to Australia, was torpedoed without warning, by a German submarine last Saturday. The passengers were rescued and landed.

The British admiralty declares that the Peruvian sailing vessel Lorton, the sinking of which was reported during the morning, was sent to the bottom by a German submarine inside Spanish territorial waters, on Monday.

The largest of the reported victims was the British steamer Crown Point, a 5,218-ton vessel. The probable sinking of the steamer Azul, of 3,074 tons also is announced. Besides four steamers and a bark the sinkings included two trawlers and two fishing boats.

There were two fatalities accompanying these submarine operations, two members of the crew of the British steamer Saxon-Briton, of 1,337 tons, being killed, while London advices state that two lives were lost from the British steamer Wartenfels, reported sunk yesterday.

Two of Crew Killed The British steamer Saxon-Briton, 1,337 tons, has been sunk by a submarine. Two members of its crew were killed, the captain and 14 others have been landed.

Lloyd's announces that the British steamer Azul, 3,074 tons, has probably been sunk and that 12 survivors were rescued by a sailing vessel. Lloyd's also announces the following boats reported sunk: British steamer Vestra, of 1,021 tons; British steamer Crown Point, of

5,218 tons gross. British bark Lorton, of 1,149 tons gross. Two British steam trawlers. Two fishing boats. Two lives were lost from the British steamer Wartenfels, of 4,511 tons, reported sunk yesterday, the agency also announces.

Fifteen Sunk Last Night Fifteen ships were reported sunk late yesterday and last night. The Russian steamer Carera, of 3,312 tons gross, and the Norwegian bark Tamara, of 453 tons, were torpedoed.

Three Norwegian vessels, says Lloyd's have been sent to the bottom presumably by torpedoing. These are: Steamer Rigel, 1,771 tons, 22 of crew picked up at sea; bark Wasdale, 1,856 tons, 19 of crew picked up; bark Songdal, 2,089 tons, 25 of crew picked up.

The Central News announces that the British steamers Palm Leaf, 3,206 tons, and Cliftonian, 4,202 tons, have been torpedoed by a German submarine and that the Norwegian ship Thor II, 2,114 tons, also has been torpedoed. The crews of the two steam-

ers were landed. The Swedish steamship Bravalla, 1,553 tons, has been sunk by a submarine, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch. The crew was landed. They were fired on by the submarine as they entered the boats.

A Copenhagen dispatch quotes the Politiken as saying that the crew of the Danish steamship Klampenborg, sunk on January 23, declare that when the steamship went down a French warship was approaching. The submarine suddenly dived and they are convinced that in sinking the Klampenborg collided with and destroyed the submarine.

The crew of the Danish schooner Standard, also sunk on January 23, declared that the German submarine which destroyed her flew the French flag.

The Admiralty announces that the crew of the British steamship Ephraim, the sinking of which was announced February 1, has been landed at Gibraltar.

Another admiralty statement says that there is only one survivor of the crew of the Lars Kruse relief ship. No others are known to have been saved.

ALLIED WAR OBJECTS CANNOT BE OUTLINED FURTHER, KING SAYS

London, Feb. 7.—King George, in opening Parliament to-day, said that the response of the allies to the invitation of the President of the United States outlining the terms of peace could be done at present. The king added:

"Threats of further outrages upon public order and the common rights of humanity serve to steel our determination."

The opening of Parliament, always picturesque, was shorn of much of its color and pomp. The peers wore none of the customary robes and regalia. The king was clad in the uniform of an admiral of the fleet and all the lords and members of the House of Commons who are entitled to wear either khaki or navy blue followed the example of the king. There were also other innovations in keeping with the time of war. The imperial escort consisted of officers of the overseas fighting forces. The royal gallery in the House of Lords was set apart for wounded soldiers. For the first time in the history of Parliament the importance of the foreign press was recognized by the allotment of seats in the press gallery

to correspondents from allied and neutral countries.

No Basis of Peace The weather was clear and crisp and as the royal procession passed from Buckingham Palace to the House of Parliament dense crowds lined the streets.

King George's speech follows: "For the third time in succession I summon you to your deliberations in the midst of war. Certain overtures of which you are aware have been made by the enemy with a view to opening peace negotiations. Their terms, however, indicated no possible basis of peace. My people throughout the empire and my faithful and heroic allies remain steadfastly and unanimously resolved to secure the just demands for reparation and restitution in respect of the past and guarantees for the future which we regard as essential to the progress of civilization."

"In response to an invitation by the President of the United States of America we have outlined as far as can be done at present, the general objects necessarily implied by these aims."

NONPARTISAN LAW TO WIDEN SCOPE OF PLAYGROUND WORK THIS YEAR

Bill to Define Fifty Per Cent. Clause in Judicial Election Act

Will Make Romper Day Climax of Seasons to Come Says Gross

All future playground plans in Harrisburg will be arranged to come to a fitting climax with the big "Romper Day" program. "With the establishment of a permanent fund to care for this event annually, through the generosity of the late Samuel Kunkel, we will arrange all playgrounds work to lead up to this entertainment for the youngsters," City Commissioner E. Z. Gross, Superintendent of Parks, announced. Athletic games for boys and girls, folk dances, cooking and sewing classes, and all other play will be developed during the summer so that when "Romper Day" is announced the program will come to a whirlwind

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Highly Commends Work of Army on Border

Washington, D. C., Feb. 7.—High commendation for the work of the army on the border and in Mexico is expressed by Secretary Baker in letters to Major-General Funston, commanding the border forces, and Major-General Pershing, who commanded the punitive expedition, just returned to American territory.

SCHOOLHOUSE BURNS

Lawnton Youngsters Will Get Long Vacation All is joy among the juvenile element of Lawnton to-day. Their schoolhouse burned down and they will have a prolonged vacation. Smoke was noticed rising from the roof about 6 o'clock this morning. Soon the entire building was in flames. A few books were saved. Miss Katherine Wensell is teacher of the school. The damage is estimated at \$1,000.

DOCTOR BILLS MAY BE RAISED

Physicians Appoint Committee to Consider Change of Fees

Harrisburg physicians are considering raising their fees.

At a meeting of the Dauphin County Medical Society last night a committee was appointed to consider the feasibility of raising the charges and to arrange a schedule of rates to be presented at the next meeting. Physicians to-day would not say how much the rates would be increased. It is understood that the night calls and telephone information will be included in the advanced fees.

MAN AND HOUSEKEEPER OVERCOME BY COAL GAS

Mechanicsburg, Pa., Feb. 7.—Miles Brougher, aged 71, and his housekeeper, Mrs. James Schultz, aged 60, were found unconscious in the bathroom of the Brougher home early this morning almost asphyxiated from coal gas. When the pair did not make their appearance this morning, Mrs. John Myers, a neighbor, became alarmed and with the aid of other neighbors broke a window to gain admittance to the house. Doctors have been making efforts to resuscitate the pair and until noon to-day were unsuccessful.

PICK UP RUNAWAY GIRLS

Two Austrian girls, Rose Millerell and Mary Pink, both under 16 years, runaways from Lebanon, were picked up here yesterday afternoon and today sent back to their homes. Employees of the State Employment Bureau, 143 North Fourth street, became suspicious because of their youth when they applied for aid in obtaining work. John Ates, secretary of the Associated Charities, furnished the funds to send them to their homes. According to the story told to Mr. Yates, the girls grew tired of being forced to work and turn over their wages to their parents.

GOVERNOR SAYS RURAL HIGH IS BIG STATE NEED

Tells School Secretaries There Should Be Increased Activity in Work

MORE MONEY NEEDED

Urges More Extensive Continuation School System Throughout Penna.

More extensive continuation school work and greater activity in the development of rural high schools were urged by Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh in an address this morning before the annual convention of the Association of School Board Secretaries of Pennsylvania, which opened in the Technical high school.

The Governor told the secretaries he favors increased school appropriations and lauded the secretaries for the work they are doing to maintain a high standard of education in the school system of the Commonwealth.

Nathan C. Schaeffer, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, another speaker, also pointed out that increased appropriations are absolutely necessary if the standards are to be maintained. The meeting was presided over by Charles H. Meyer, of Johnstown.

Welcome by Hammelbaugh Daniel D. Hammelbaugh, secretary of the Harrisburg School Board, vice-

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No Immediate Prospects of Cheaper Print Paper

New York, Feb. 7.—There is no immediate prospect of cheaper paper, according to reports made to-day to the National Paper Trade Association and the American Pulp and Paper Association, which are holding annual conventions here.

"The snow is hampering cutting in the pulp districts of Canada," said Frank L. Moore, of Watertown, N. Y., vice-president of the pulp and paper association. "Where wood is cut there are not enough cars to haul it out, and there is a great shortage of motive power on Canadian railroads. Everything that enters into paper has gone up."

THREE MURDER TRIALS ON IN COURT AT ONCE

Yovonovic Convicted of Voluntary Manslaughter; Misko Case Opens

START WHITE DEFENSE

Negro, Held For Shooting Officer Hipple, Begins Fight For Life

Vlada Yovonovic, charged with killing Nickolo Skara last July 4 in a fight in Steelton, was found guilty of voluntary manslaughter by a jury after less than two hours' deliberation.

Judge Charles V. Henry, presiding in courtroom No. 2, granted Robert Stucker, attorney for Yovonovic, four days to file a motion for a new trial. During the morning three murder cases were on in criminal court. The jury in the Yovonovic case was out considering a verdict; the defense in the case against James White, held for participating in the murder of Officer Lewis C. Hipple, prepared to call witnesses, and a jury was picked to pass between the Commonwealth and John Misko, a young foreigner from Wil-

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Sproul Investigation Resolution Reported Out

The Sproul resolution for the investigation of government in Pennsylvania, which reached the House this morning, will be reported to the lower branch of the legislature late to-day.

The resolution was favorably recommended by the House appropriations committee at a session held after the adjournment of the morning session of the House and debated a bit. Messrs. Cox and Hecht, Philadelphia, administration supporters, opposed reporting out the bill, but all of the others voted for it. If a session of the House is held to-morrow the probe resolution will be passed for the first time.

ANOTHER LUNAR HALO

Another lunar halo, similar to the one which appeared Saturday night, was seen last night for a few minutes. The rings around the moon were as bright nor as large as on Saturday night, but could be seen plainly from all parts of the city.

SEEK PERMISSION FOR TERMINAL

Harrisburg.—Following a meeting of officers of the Municipal League, city officials and officials of the Valley Railways Company, a letter was sent to the members of the City Planning Commission to-day, asking their approval of a plan to double track Walnut street between Front and Second and the erection of a terminal station on the site of the old garage in the rear of the Public Library for the use of the Valley lines. This the company is ready to do in order to help solve the traffic difficulties in Market Square.

Harrisburg.—Representative Heck, Philadelphia, said to-day that in the event of the Sproul probe resolution going through a taxpayers' suit to test the legality of the appropriation would be started.

Washington, Feb. 7.—President Wilson left the White House this afternoon and walked to the State, War and Navy building for conferences there.

Stockholm, Sweden, Feb. 7, via London.—Norway and Sweden will not accept President Wilson's invitation to sever diplomatic relations with Germany.

PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY ELECTS

Harrisburg.—At a meeting of the Pennsylvania State Society to-day Cyrus Woods, secretary of the Commonwealth, declined re-election as president. These officers were elected: President, John S. Rilling; vice-presidents, Henry Houck and John Price Jackson; secretary, Arch. B. Millar; treasurer, Robert K. Young. Colonel Kolb notified the society that the Governor's staff will present him with a portrait of himself and the presentation will be made at a dinner of the society.

Harrisburg.—A resolution will be presented in the House this afternoon providing for a revenue raising commission to consist of the chairmen of the committees on appropriations, ways and means, education and roads of the House and Senate.

Harrisburg.—John Misko, held on a charge of murder, was acquitted this afternoon. The trial of Warren Gladen, held for a Steelton Murder, was started.

New York.—The 31 German ships interned here have been badly damaged.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Wilson Joseph McClintock, Harrisburg, and Margaret Mowry Border, Camp Hill. Henry Edwin Parson, Harrisburg, and Fannie Jackson, Steelton. Paul Lester Wolfe and Delva Naomi Lockwood Chroustler, Shiremanstown.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Unsettled weather, probably rain to-night and Thursday; warmer to-night, with lowest temperature about 32 degrees.

For Northern Pennsylvania: Snow in north, rain or snow in south portion to-night and Thursday; warmer to-day; warmer to-night, colder Thursday afternoon or night; fresh southwest to west winds.

River The Susquehanna river and all its branches will probably remain nearly stationary without any important changes in its conditions. A stage of about 0.5 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Thursday morning.

General Conditions Rain has fallen in Western Louisiana as a result of a slight disturbance, now central over Southwestern Louisiana, with high over the Pacific slope.

There has been a general rise of 2 to 3 degrees in temperature in all districts from the Plains States eastward to the Atlantic coast, except Northern New England, the most decided rises occurring in the Ohio and Upper Mississippi valleys and the lake region. From the Rocky Mountains westward temperatures generally have fallen 2 to 12 degrees.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 24 degrees above zero. Yesterday's Weather: Highest temperature, 27. Lowest temperature, 10. Mean temperature, 18. Normal temperature, 20.