



OVERT ACT MERELY QUESTION OF TIME WASHINGTON FEARS

WAR WILL FOLLOW LOSS OF AMERICAN LIFE IN ATTACKS

Reports Received on Destruction of California and Other Ships So Far Has Not Constituted Act Which Would Immediately Precipitate Conflict; Officials Believe It Is Sure to Come in Few Hours

NO ACTION BY PRESIDENT UNTIL UNDISPUTED EVIDENCE IS SECURED

Government Will Not Be Hurried Into Battle Until Sure International Law Is Being Violated; All Hope That Kaiser Would Modify Campaign Abandoned; Preparations Are Hastened in U. S.

Washington, Feb. 8.—On the basis of reports received on the destruction of the California and other ships so far it is stated authoritatively that none of the cases constitutes the overt act which will lead to war with Germany. Officials openly express the belief, however, that the overt act is merely a question of time. While regarding the destruction of the California as plain evidence that Germany has fully abandoned the pledges to the United States, it was stated that the government will not be hurried into war until there is undisputed evidence of violation of American rights by destruction of American ships or loss of American lives, in violation of international law.

All hope, if any ever existed, that Germany might modify her campaign of ruthlessness has vanished and there is no doubt here that it will be only a matter of hours or days before an American ship is sunk or American lives are sacrificed. The only effect so far as the destruction of the California has been to quicken the preparations the government is making for the expected eventualities.

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FATE OF WHITE, HIPPLE'S SLAYER. IN JURY'S HANDS

Commonwealth Holds Out For First Degree During Four Day Fight

The fate of James White, colored, held with Elwood Wilson, for shooting Officer Lewis C. Hipple, last June, was turned over this afternoon to the jury. For four days White has been fighting for his life, always in the shadow of the electric chair. Yesterday District Attorney Michael E. Stroup declined to consider a plea of guilty of murder in the second degree, and the Commonwealth continued its fight for a first degree verdict.

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THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Unsettled, with occasional snow and much colder to-night and Friday; lowest temperature tonight about 20 degrees. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Probably snow and much colder to-night and Friday; cold wave in northern portion; fresh to strong west to northwest winds.

General Conditions: The center of the disturbance that was over Ontario, Wednesday morning, has moved rapidly eastward to the St. Lawrence valley. It caused light snow generally in northern districts from the Rocky Mountains eastward to New England. The slight disturbance in the South is now central over the Middle Gulf coast; it has caused light rains in the Middle Gulf States and Tennessee in the last twenty-four hours. There has been a general rise of 2 to 20 degrees in temperature east of the Great Lakes, south and east of the Ohio river and in Oklahoma, Kansas and Northern Colorado and Wyoming.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 34 degrees above zero. Sun: Rises, 7:06 a. m. Moon: Rises, 7:12 p. m. River Stage: 0.4 feet above low-water mark. Yesterday's Weather: Highest temperature, 41. Lowest temperature, 10. Mean temperature, 30. Normal temperature, 50.

61 SHIPS OF 200,000 TONS IS TOLL OF RUTHLESS U BOAT WAR

New York, Feb. 8.—Sixty-one ships have been sunk by German submarines or mines, according to a compilation made here from cable reports since the German blockade order took effect on February 1. Fourteen vessels of 29,997 tonnage reported as lost yesterday and last night and two to-day bring the total tonnage of the victims of the German navy up to 200,000 tons.

Thirty-four or more than half of this number, were British vessels; five carried the flags of other entente belligerents; one was an American and twenty-one were owned in other neutral countries. The only American ship thus far lost in the submarine war zone is the Housatonic, owned by the Housatonic Steamship Company. She was sunk by a submarine off the Scilly Islands on February 3. The British liner, California, 8,662 tons, is the largest of the vessels thus far reported sunk.

To-day's Toll—

Queenstown, Feb. 8.—The British steamer Turino has been sunk by a submarine. Her crew has been landed. The Turino was last reported at Norfolk when she sailed on January 19 for Liverpool.

Lloyd's reports the sinking of the British steamship Hollinside, 2,582 tons gross. The crew left the vessel in boats. The captain has been landed.

41 MISSING FROM CALIFORNIA SUNK WITHOUT WARNING

Washington, Feb. 8.—The latest report on the destruction of the California, received this morning, at the State Department from Consul Frost at Queenstown, puts the number of survivors at 162 and the missing at 41. It says the ship apparently was torpedoed about 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Other reports to-day from Consul Frost on the sinking of the British ship, Eaveston, say that she also was destroyed without warning. This point had not been cleared up in previous advices.

New York, Feb. 8.—Official cable advices that the British steamship California was torpedoed without warning were received here to-day by the Anchor Line.

The names of 13 persons listed as missing were received as follows: Second Cabin: Mrs. E. Smith, Edna Smith and Mrs. Kidd, Calgary, Alberta. J. W. Alderson and son, Vancouver, B. C. (Mrs. Alderson was saved.)

Mr. W. C. O'Donnell and two children of Philadelphia. (Three O'Donnell children appear on the ship's passenger list.) Neil Gillies, New York City. Miss Madge Roberts, Toronto. Steerage Mrs. Margaret Little and one child, New York City. (Three)

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KITTY SPENDS NIGHT IN THE MOVIES AFTER LOOK AT 'QUEEN'

Slips in Exit Door to See the Show and Gets Locked Up When Lights Are Darkened; Eats Half Can of Salmon Just to Show Catastrophe Hasn't Affected Her Appetite

When the chap sprang 't t old one about "even the cat" bein, permitted "to look at the queen" he probably didn't have a "movie queen" in mind. But a cat slep "Toodles," fond pet of Mrs. David Attig, 1215 Market street, has proved that the queen of the screen is most assuredly included in the category. Mrs. Attig missed "Toodles" last night. "Kitty, Kitty," she called. "Meow, meow!" wailed Kitty. But "Toodles" couldn't be located.

Practically 97% of Telegraph's Circulation Retained Following Necessary Increase in Price

On January 15th last, due to the excessive cost of newsprint paper and other materials entering into newspaper production, the price of the Harrisburg Telegraph was raised to 10 cents a week.

In comparing the average net paid circulation for the fifteen days immediately following with the daily average net paid circulation for the year 1916, it is gratifying to note that 96.7 per cent. of its circulation has been retained.

A still further source of gratification is the daily receipt of renewals from many of those comprising the 3 per cent. who at first thought it necessary to temporarily discontinue their subscriptions.

It is a remarkable showing, and the publishers of this newspaper may be pardoned for taking pride therein. To them it is an evidence of the public's appreciation of their efforts to produce a clean, bright, modern newspaper in keeping with the high standards of American journalism, and one that first, last and always will be devoted to the civic and commercial advancement of the community.

YOU CAN'T PIN BADGE ON MAN AND YELL 'COP!'

Must Take Police Out of Politics For Efficiency; Declares Expert

SCHOOL FOR OFFICERS

Driscoll Tells Businessmen "Influence" Should Have No Place in Force

"Take your police system out of politics and establish civil service," said Dr. J. C. Driscoll, of the New York Bureau of Municipal Research, who is making a survey of Harrisburg's Police Department under the direction of the Civic Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, summed up before the noonday luncheon of the Chamber what in effect his report on conditions here will contain.

"The one vicious thing in police circles throughout the country is the policy of law enforcement," said Mr. Driscoll. "There are too many commissioners, too many administrative heads, too much politics and too little scientific study. You can't take a man off the street, shove him into a blue uniform, pin a badge on his chest and yell 'there should be a school for the prospective policeman, a definite procedure for disciplining the men and a condition under which no power on earth can remove a man from the force except his own overt act. Then, and then only, will the community have an effective police force and a proper enforcement of the law."

Change Upon Change The army of eleven thousand blue-coats in New York, as described by the speaker, who is familiar with the police conditions not only throughout the United States but in Europe also, there generalship is required, but the army is under the guidance of and subject to the varied opinions of successive police commissioners, of whom there have been eleven in thirteen years. Under each successive administration the policy of law enforcement changes, until now an officer scarcely knows how he is to act. "Under the conditions which permit statute law to remain in effect without enforcement," said Mr. Driscoll, "a policeman may say that he has as much right to permit a peanut vendor to conduct his business on a street corner as he has to wear the uniform, and the mayor has to permit prostitution and vice; the only difference being that the policeman grants two dollars while the mayor seeks re-election."

A Police force is better than the people of the community would have it. This places the matter squarely up to the people for decision. Men of physical and moral courage are needed to wear the uniform, but present unsatisfactory conditions will continue so long as politics are permitted to control the situation," and this expert in present day city school administration of the law, and the fullness of its citizenship and wipes out the evil by eliminating politics and establishing civil service. A Carson Stamm, president of the school board, introduced Mr. Driscoll.

Ralph I. Deihl to Be Cashier of Hummelstown National Bank, March 1 Ralph I. Deihl, paying teller of the East End Bank, has been elected cashier of the Hummelstown National Bank and will take his new position March 1. Mr. Deihl is a resident of Paxtang.

Mr. Deihl has been with the East End Bank since it opened on May 6, 1903, and for the past seven years has been paying teller there. He is a graduate of the Central high school, class of 1899, and is well known in building association and business circles, especially in the Allison Hill district. For the present his family will reside in Paxtang, but a little later will remove to Hummelstown.

Friend of Molly Pitcher, Dies at Carlisle, Aged 104

Carlisle, Pa., Feb. 8.—Mrs. Samuel Sipe, 104 years, oldest woman in Cumberland county and a personal friend of Molly Pitcher, died here last night. She was born in Switzerland, October 5, 1812, and had resided in Carlisle for nearly a century. She came to this country with her parents when very young. She is survived by four children, Marion P. Sipe, Clarissa Sipe, Dr. J. E. Sipe and Karl Sipe, all residents of Carlisle. Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 2 o'clock.

ENDORSE BREAK

Washington, Feb. 8. By a vote of 78 to 5 the United States Senate late yesterday formally endorsed the President's action in severing diplomatic relations with Germany. The vote was taken on a resolution introduced by Senator Stone, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations. Two Democrats, Kirby, of Arkansas, and Vardaman, of Mississippi, joined with three Republicans, Gronna, of North Dakota; LaFollette, of Wisconsin, and Works of California, in opposing the resolution.

LOWER OLEO TAX

Washington, D. C., Feb. 8.—To open the market to oleomargarine, the Senate finance committee to-day accepted as an amendment to the revenue bill a proposal by Senator Underwood to tax the product 2 cents a pound, to be paid by the manufacturer, in place of the practically prohibitive present tax of 10 cents a pound.

SIGNS \$1,000,000 BILL

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 2.—The bill appropriating \$1,000,000 for military preparedness purposes was signed by Governor Whitman to-day.

MAYOR MEALS IMPROVES

On advice of his physician, Mayor E. S. Meals is resting up in bed. His condition today was much improved.

AMERICANIZATION OF FOREIGNERS IS DUTY OF SCHOOLS

Directors Told They Should Educate Old as Well as Young

ALIEN PAPERS BANE

Should Establish Social Centers in Districts Populated by Illiterates

Americanization and education of foreign-born citizens, old as well as young, is the duty of the men who have charge of the public schools in this State.

This is the keynote of addresses made to-day at the opening session of the twenty-second annual convention of the directors' department of the Pennsylvania State Educational Association in the Technical High School.

Urges Social Centers "Mobilizing for Community Welfare" [Continued on Page 9]

Dedicate Steele Memorial Building Monday Afternoon

The School Board announced this morning that the William S. Steele memorial public school building, Fifth and Mahantongo streets, will be dedicated on Monday afternoon, February 12, at 2 o'clock. A. C. Stamm, president of the School Board, will preside. The musical program will be in charge of Edward G. Ross and George W. Uptegrove, directors of vocal and instrumental music. Pupils of the schools and the Technical High School orchestra will furnish the music.

The Rev. Alvin S. Williams, of the Camp Curtin Memorial M. E. Church, will deliver the dedicatory address. Other addresses will be made by Thomas L. Montgomery, State Librarian and Dr. J. George Becht, Secretary of the State Board of Education. The flag presentation will be made by Dr. William N. Yates, Miss Annie Burd, a pupil of the Steele school, will sing several numbers. The Rev. Joseph Daugherty, of the Sixth Street United Brethren Church, will open the services with prayer and benediction will be pronounced by the Rev. E. E. Snyder, of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.

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CONSULS REPORT TO QUARTON

Berlin, Feb. 7, via London, Feb. 8.—All American consuls-general and consuls have been ordered by Washington to report to Vice-Consul-General Harold B. Quarton, who is in charge in Berlin in the absence of Consul-General Julius G. Day. Mr. Quarton has been ordered to Rotterdam, as has also Vice-Consul Robert Lee Gray, Jr., of Hanover. Vice-Consul Riley, of Warsaw, goes to Stockholm; Vice-Consul Eugene C. Harter, at Brunswick, to Copenhagen, and Vice-Consul Harold G. Walters, at Berlin, returns to Washington.

AMERICAN NEGRO KILLED BY U-BOAT

LONDON, FEB. 8.—AN AMERICAN NEGRO, FIREMAN ON THE TURINO, GEORGE WASHINGTON, WAS KILLED ACCORDING TO A REPORT RECEIVED BY THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. ONE OF THE SURVIVORS IS CALVIN BAY, AN AMERICAN CITIZEN OF FILLMORE, UTAH.

DOZEN MINERS ENTOMBED

Pottsville, Pa., Feb. 8.—A fall of top rock in the gangway of the East Bear Ridge colliery at Mahanoy Plane, this morning, resulted in about a dozen men being entombed.

TWO MORE STEAMERS SUNK

London, Feb. 8.—Late this afternoon Lloyd's reported the sinking of the British steamship Boyne Castle, 245 tons gross and the Swedish steamship Varing, 2,296 tons. This brings the total ships sunk to-day up to four.

FLETCHER AND PRESIDENT CONFER

Washington, Feb. 8.—Henry P. Fletcher, American ambassador to Mexico, conferred with President Wilson to-day before leaving for his post.

PRESIDENT HEARS OF KILLING

Washington, Feb. 8.—President Wilson was in the executive offices when the news of the submarine attack on the Turino with the killing of an American negro was communicated to him. He immediately issued instructions that all the facts be gathered as promptly as possible.

SIXTH MURDER CASE ON

Harrisburg.—The sixth murder case of the week in Dauphin county court was started this afternoon when Mary E. Washington was placed on trial for her life. The jury in the case of John Robinson, held for shooting Tomo Pakovich, is deliberating now on a verdict.

Charles F. Quinn, secretary of the American Federation of Labor this afternoon announced that an amendment to the Clark Act will be presented to the Legislature in the near future. The amendment provides that in case of a vacancy the defeated candidate for mayor or council, who had the highest number of votes at the election preceding shall be elected to the vacancy.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

William Alfred Conrad and Carrie Elizabeth Best, Harrisburg. Victor Harbaugh, Steelton, and Olive Ellenbeth Young, Harrisburg.

VALLEY RAILWAYS AWAITS APPROVAL OF NEW TERMINAL

Action of Erection of Building Will Be Taken Soon as Plans Are O'K'd

NEW BRIDGE LIKELY

Structure in Keeping With Beautification of River Front in the Near Future

Action on the erection of the proposed terminal in Walnut street for Valley Railways cars will be taken at a meeting of the board of directors as soon as tentative plans for this big improvement have been agreed upon by the City Planning Commission, Municipal League and city officials.

Spencer C. Gilbert, one of the directors of the Valley Railways, so stated this morning in discussing the proposed plan for double tracking Walnut street and erecting the terminal at Walnut and River streets on property now owned by the company. The move is the result of a conference of Municipal League officers, city officials and Valley Railways officials yesterday at which the terminal plan was suggested, and all present joined in a resolution asking the City Planning Commission to approve. The discussion was amicable, the railway officials expressing readiness to cooperate in every way, but wanted to be sure they were moving along lines that would be pleasing to the Planning Commission. The conference was marked by good feeling and the conclusion reached had the full concurrence of all present.

At the conference it was brought to the attention of the Harrisburg and Valley out that the only way to solve traffic

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