



GERARD TO LEAVE BERLIN TO-MORROW

With Suite Will Travel on Special Train to Switzerland; Newspaper Correspondents to Accompany; Passports Caused Delay

FIREMAN WHO WENT DOWN ON TURINO "APPARENTLY" BRITISH SUBJECT

George Washington, First Believed an American Negro Born in Alberta, Canada; U. S. Rights Technically Violated, but No Overt Act Yet

Berlin, Feb. 8, via London, Feb. 9.—Former Ambassador Gerard and his party probably will leave Berlin Saturday evening, although the date has not been settled definitely. It is expected they will travel by way of Switzerland.

Mr. Gerard was offered the choice of leaving Berlin Saturday or Sunday and quickly decided in favor of the earlier date. The train which will take him to neutral soil will be composed of sleepers and day coaches, and probably will make better time than the regular train service which no longer attaches importance to speed as in peace times.

Arrangements Completed. Arrangements for the departure of Mr. Gerard and his suite were practically completed to-day. The delay was caused by the number of passports to be made out for the ambassadorial party and because of the lack of news regarding the movements of Count Von Bernstorff. The embassy representatives will enjoy the diplomatic privileges at the frontier, and baggage inspection formalities for the others of the party will be executed before leaving Berlin so that there will be no delays at the border. A special train will leave Berlin on Saturday evening at 8:19 o'clock for Switzerland by way of Basel and Berne. The party will then travel to Spain where Mr. Gerard will embark on the first available steamer for the United States.

Germany, except a few ordered to Scandinavia or to Holland and most of the American newspaper correspondents. The train will carry in all some 200 persons from the German capital. Two representatives of the foreign press will accompany the train to the border which is expected to be reached early Sunday afternoon.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 9.—Secretary Lansing to-day authorized the following statement: "I am very loath to believe that the German government intentionally is detaining Ambassador Gerard in Berlin on any excuse."

There is absolutely no justification in international law, it was pointed out, for the detention of the ambassador.

Dead Fireman English. No dispatch has been received from Mr. Gerard either directly through Copenhagen or through the Spanish ambassador in Berlin this week. No Americans are reported to have arrived in Copenhagen from Berlin so far this week.

THREE NORWEGIAN SHIPS ADDED TO LIST OF U-BOAT VICTIMS

Three Norwegian ships have been added to the list of victims of the new German submarine campaign. The sinking of these, aggregating 6,030 tons, was the day's result of the operations of the undersea craft in the war zone as reported during the morning and early afternoon.

The largest of the sunken vessels was the Hanksnek, of 2,667 tons, while the next in size, the Storskog, registered 2,191 tons. On the third vessel, the Ida, of 1,172 tons, the chief mate and steward are reported by her captain killed by gun fire while the submarine continuously shelled the steamer without warning until she sank.

In the field of military activity the feature remains the British operation north of the Somme in Northern France, where General Haig's troops are steadily pushing their way forward on both banks of the Ancre.

Berlin to-day, while declaring the British attack of yesterday unsuccessful as a whole, admits the loss of some ground north of the Ancre and in the vicinity of St. Pierre-Vaast wood, near Peronne.

Only Two Escaped. The Norwegian ship Storskog, of 2,191 tons gross, was sunk yesterday by a German submarine. The crew was aboard the submarine when a steamer appeared and the undersea

boat submerged. The chief officer and crew members were the only ones able to return to the ship's boat and they were picked up by the steamer.

The Norwegian steamship Ida, of 1,172 tons, has been sunk by a German submarine. Surviving members of the crew were landed to-day. The captain stated that the chief mate and the steward were killed while on deck in gun fire, the submarine firing continuously without warning until the vessel sank.

Lloyd's shipping agency this afternoon announced that the Norwegian steamer Hanksnek, formerly the American steamer Silla, 2,667 tons gross, has been sunk.

The Norwegian steamer Hanksnek was last reported in available shipping records as leaving New York, December 21, bound for Rotterdam. She was 300 feet long and 41 feet wide. She was built at Quincy, Mass., in 1906.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair and much colder to-night, with a cold wave. Highest temperature, about 10 degrees; Saturday fair, continued cold.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Partly cloudy and much colder to-night, with a cold wave; probably snow buries in extreme north portion; Saturday fair, colder in southeast portion; strong northwest winds diminishing by Saturday.

River. No important changes will occur in the streams of the Susquehanna River system; colder during the next few days will probably cause an increase in the quantity of ice. A stage of about 0.5 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Saturday morning.

General Conditions. A storm of moderate energy developed over the Ohio Valley Thursday, and is now centering over the Middle Atlantic States. It has snow in northern, rain and sleet in central and rain in southern districts over most of the country east of the Mississippi river in the last twenty-four hours. Light snow fell also in Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Western Iowa, Dakota and in Saskatchewan.

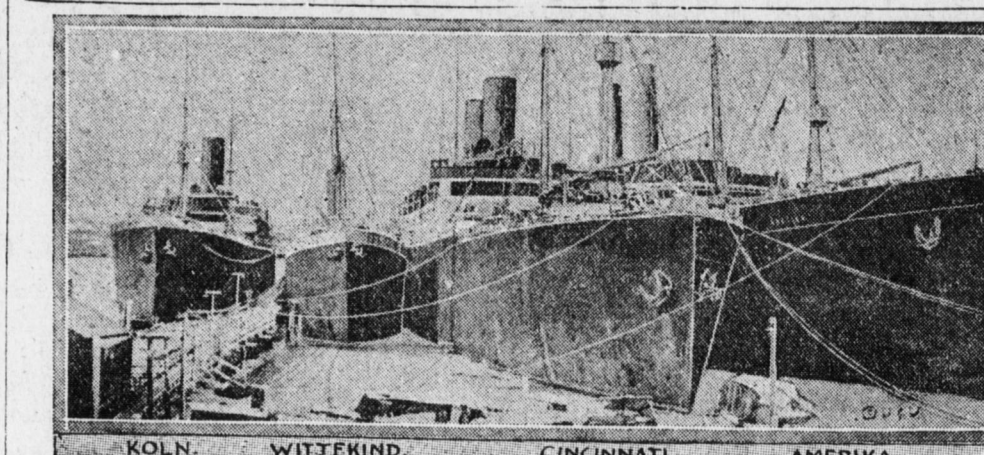
Austria Not Concerned Much Over Severance

Vienna, Feb. 7, via London, Feb. 9.—The public and press, accustomed to new sensations beyond the saturation point, may be considered to-day to have completely relapsed into the apathetic routine which has resulted from thirty months of warfare.

That diplomatic relations have been broken off between the United States and Germany has become one of the many war facts which are borne with stoical resignation and with renewed expressions of the belief that the monarchy will finally emerge from its troubles with flying colors. The press occupied itself to-day largely with the possible action of European neutrals. The fact that some of these nations have borders contiguous to the central powers in Rumania's fate is alluded to here and there, as in the Neue Freie Presse, hither to the leading peace advocate in the monarchy.

President Wilson gets scant notice, and what comment there is is decidedly mild.

DAMAGED INTERNED GERMAN LINERS AT BOSTON



The collector of customs at Boston has sent word to the secretary of the treasury he has heard the interned German liners Cincinnati and Amerika have been damaged. This work is believed to have been done by German sympathizers some time after Ambassador von Bernstorff received his passports from Secretary Lansing. There is the same report regarding the larger number of German liners interned at New York City.

ORGANIZED PLAY IN SCHOOLS PLEA OF DR. HAMILTON

Allegheny County Superintendent Urges System of Inter-class Contests

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A plea for organized play as a method of education was made by Dr. Samuel Hamilton, superintendent of the Allegheny county schools, this morning before the school directors in session here.

Dr. Hamilton declared that since play and recreation have been universally accepted as a vital part of the modern methods of education it is an obvious necessity and a duty of the school authorities to put them on an organized basis.

Interclass contests should be a part of the school curriculum and encouraged by directors and teachers, the speaker said; but he frowned on a system that would dis-

CHILDREN AMONG 41 VICTIMS ON LINER CALIFORNIA

Torpedo Appeared Without Warning; Ship Sinks Fast

London, Feb. 9.—Forty-one lives, including those of two women and two or possibly three children, were lost on the Anchor liner California, torpedoed and sunk without warning off the Irish coast Wednesday morning, according to the best and probably correct figures obtainable here. Five were killed outright by the explosion and the remaining thirty-six were drowned by the swamping of a life-boat.

At 9 o'clock Wednesday morning the California was steaming on her course through a calm and glassy sea when Captain Henderson, on the bridge, suddenly saw oily bubbles breaking from a spot on the port quarter not more than 300 yards from the ship's side.

"Fire on that spot!" he called through the speaking tube to the crew manning the 4.7-inch gun which the California had mounted aft. But before the order a torpedo struck the liner on the port side, well abaft the beam, with a terrific explosion.

"It seemed fairly to lift the ship out

PIPE BENDING PLANT OFFERED TO UNCLE SAM

Harrisburg Munitions Works Ready to Devote Efforts to Government Work

Others May Follow. Large Number of Industrial Establishments Have Proffered Aid

The Harrisburg Pipe and Pipe Bending Works, which at the present time is at work on two large orders for the government, one for the Army and the other for the Navy, has written the Navy and War Departments stating that the plant is at the service of the government at any time.

It is altogether likely that several other local plants will offer their services to Uncle Sam in case of a declaration of war.

Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation, has issued a statement showing the possible output of his company in supplies which would be required by the

SHE SET FIRE TO LOVER "IN FUN" SAY WITNESSES

Mary E. Washington on Trial For Murder of Henry Robinson

"I only did it in fun, Henry, I didn't want to hurt you." These are the words which witnesses testified Mary E. Washington, colored, cried after she had poured oil over Henry Robinson, colored, and set fire to his clothing during a quarrel last October.

How Robinson leaped from the couch on which he was lying, his clothes ablaze; the turmoil and excitement caused by the burning of the man, and his death two weeks later in the Harrisburg Hospital—all were graphically told by witnesses for the Commonwealth.

Woman Takes Stand. Shortly before noon, the Washington

German and Austrians Here Seek Naturalization

Nine foreigners within the last week have appeared before Prothonotary Henry F. Holler and declared their intention to apply for naturalization papers. Of this number, five were Germans, two Austrians, one Russian, and one Italian.

Applications were formerly through the United States courts, but recently the work was transferred to the county courts.

"PORK" BILL REPORTED OUT. Washington, Feb. 9.—The river and harbors bill carrying a total of \$35,500,000, about \$137,000 more than when it passed the House, was reported to-day to the Senate from the commerce committee. Senator Kenyon, Republican, of Iowa, gave notice he would fight the bill and propose a substitute to appropriate a lump sum of \$22,000,000 for improvements where the War Department sees fit.

RYNDAM DUE WEDNESDAY. New York, Feb. 9.—The Holland-American Line steamship Ryndam returning here after starting for Rotterdam via Falmouth January 29, was reported early to-day 1,400 miles east of Sandy Hook and due to dock here Wednesday. A wireless message from the captain stating his position was received by officials of the line here shortly before noon. The Ryndam, with passengers and cargo, turned back when within about 14 hours of Falmouth.

\$4,000 CAT DIES. Boston, Feb. 9.—Champion King Winter has won his last prize. Word was received to-day that the famous American-bred stabled Silver Persian cat which had won championships at many shows has died at the cat ranch of his owner, Miss Carroll Macey, at Ash Point, Me. Miss Macey said that at the show in this city last month she refused an offer of \$4,000 for the animal.

COMMONWEALTH HOTEL TO PASS OUT OF HISTORY?

May Be Turned Into Office Building; Stores on Street Floor

The Commonwealth Hotel may pass out of the history of Harrisburg, on April 1. On that date the lease now held by J. A. Clement, expires and the lobby will be turned into two large store-rooms immediately afterwards. Should there be an applicant for the lease of the top floors for a hotel the office and lobby will be on the second floor, otherwise the entire hostelry will be remodeled and made an office building.

Announcement of these plans were made this afternoon by Donald McCormick, president of the Dauphin Deposit Trust Company, one of the representatives of the McCormick Estate which owns the hotel building. Architects are now preparing plans for the two store-rooms on the first floor where the hotel lobby is now located. These plans are expected to be ready about the last of this month.

Sudden Change to Send Mercury to Ten Above

Just when every fisherman in the city was beginning to take down the trusty bamboo and carefully inspect the silk wrappings to see that it would hold a three-pounder, along comes Old Man Winter, gloom artist, and whispers in the city's ear, "Not yet, you are too soon."

Forecasters E. R. Demain makes it official by saying that the cold already making every one speak of the "nice day we had yesterday," will continue to-night, to-morrow and possibly for several more days to come. The mercury will drop to 10 above zero to-night.

APPROVES SPROUL RESOLUTION. Governor Brumbaugh to-day approved the resolution presented in the Senate by Senator Sprουλ and passed by both branches of the Legislature, pledging the support of Pennsylvania to the President and the federal government in the German crisis. Copies will be signed by the officers of both Houses and sent to the President and the President of the United States Senate and House of Representatives.

TUBERCULOSIS BEATS CHAIR. Ossining, N. Y., Feb. 9.—The state will not take the life of John Carnivale, murderer. Tuberculosis last night anticipated death in the electric chair; it was learned at Sing Sing Prison to-day. Records available at Sing Sing indicate Carnivale is the first man to die from natural causes in the death house. Carnivale was under sentence of death for killing Michael Carrano in Brooklyn in a quarrel over a woman.

SCORES DOCTORS FOR "LAST HOUR" RUN TO HOSPITAL

Superintendent Condon Declares Some Physicians Make Practice of "Unloading"

"Doctors who bring their patients to the Harrisburg Hospital when they know they are in a dying condition merely to get them off their own hands are criminals, actually, if not technically," said William M. Condon, superintendent of the hospital to-day.

"It isn't merely because it adds another death to our record that we mind it so much," said the superintendent, "because people realize that deaths will happen in a hospital, and that is often a place of last resort. It is the principle of the thing that makes us resent it. Doctors of this city and nearby towns, when they realize that all human aid is futile, load their patients into an automobile or call for the police ambulance and send them to the hospital."

"Of course," he continued, "in a few cases we are able to resuscitate a patient by the application of oxygen, but these cases are very far removed. A doctor knows usually when a patient is dying and he thinks that he can shift the blame onto the hospital."

Mr. Condon said that he has warned several physicians who have made a practice of doing this sort of thing. It is probable that a list of the names will be kept in the future and made public, he declared.

No Change Made in Plan For Wilson's Inauguration

Washington, D. C., Feb. 9.—Despite the possibility of war between the United States and Germany the inaugural ceremonies attending the second induction into office of President Wilson are not to be curtailed.

Robert N. Harper, chairman of the inaugural committee, after a visit to the White House was authorized to make the following statement: "I am pleased to announce that the inauguration ceremonies will be held with the greatest possible simplicity which will be observed. It is intended to make this inauguration unusually impressive in order to afford an opportunity for a perfectly spontaneous exhibition of the patriotic feeling of the country."

BERLIN PRINTS WILL REPORTS. Berlin, Feb. 8, via London, Feb. 9.—The United States was virtually out of mention in the editorial discussions of the Berlin newspapers to-day, the leader writers devoting their attention to a variety of subjects not related to America or the existing situation. The newspaper columns are still full, however, of dispatches from all sorts of sources purporting to describe events in the United States.

PLANNERS APPROVE TERMINAL PLAN OF VALLEY RAILWAYS

After Considering Project Commission Says It Believes It to Be Best Possible Solution of City's Traffic Problems; Municipal League Sends Letter of Commendation to President Bishop; Hearty Endorsement by Police Chief J. Edward Wetzel and Captain Joseph D. Thompson

Unanimous approval of the proposed Valley Railways terminal at Walnut and River streets was given to-day at a special meeting of the City Planning Commission.

As no definite plans have been presented to the Commission its action is not final, but at the close of the conference to-day the following statement was made: "The Commission considered the proposition for the erection of a terminal in Walnut street, and is of the opinion that the plan is the best one that has been suggested for improving traffic conditions. From the information available at present, the Commission does not see why the suggested plan should not meet with general approval when definitely submitted."

The Municipal League to-day sent a letter to C. H. Bishop, president of the Valley Railways Company, calling the attention of the company to the approval of the terminal suggestion by the league. The next step is up to the railways directors.

The letter from the league is practically an endorsement of the whole plan, as suggested at a conference of members of the league, Planning Commission, city officials and representatives of the Harrisburg and Valley Railways Companies.

Most Practical Solution. Members of the Planning Commission to-day expressed the belief that the proposed terminal with the doubletracking of Walnut street offers the most practical solution of the traffic problems in Market Square

and Second and Walnut streets, and at the same time affords conveniences for persons who use the Valley cars. Hearty endorsement of the plan came from Chief of Police J. Edward Wetzel and Captain of Police Joseph P. Thompson.

Coats Longer, Trousers Wider, Decree of Tailors

Columbus, O., Feb. 9.—Coats will be much longer, shoulders will be wider with no padding, and coats will be high at the waistline in the men's suits this coming season, according to styles set here by the fashions committee of the International Custom Cutters' Association.

The cutters say trousers will be wider, vests will be cut low and will be tight at the waist line, and browns will be the proper shade for spring clothes. They also indicated that the Norfolk jacket will again be popular.

ROBBED WHILE AT CHURCH. Burglars are taking advantage of people who are attending evangelistic services about the city. The home of S. K. Bell, 527 Camp street, was entered last night while the family was attending the services at the Sixth Street United Brethren Church. The thieves gained entrance by the back door and made away with a pocketbook containing several dollars and other valuables. The thief has not been located.

ANOTHER NORWEGIAN SHIP SUNK

London, Feb. 9.—The British steamship, Hanna Larsen, 1,310 tons gross, has been sunk by a submarine. Her captain and chief engineer were taken prisoners. The remainder of the crew was landed.

WALL FALLS ON TWO MEN

Columbia, Pa., Feb. 9.—Clearing the debris of the fire-gutted Herr factory building here, Walter Shenabrook, 33 years old, was fatally hurt, and Harry Wolf, 52 years, seriously, when the wind blew over a brick wall. The men were almost completely buried beneath the masonry, Shenabrook dying two hours later in the Columbia Hospital from a fractured skull.

FRENCH REPULSE GERMAN ATTACK

Paris, Feb. 9.—A German attack last night in the region of Vaux las Palameux, southeast of Verdun, was repulsed by the French to-day's official statement says. Violent artillery actions occurred in the Woivre region. Last night and this morning bombs were dropped by airplanes in the region of Dunkirk. Four civilians were killed.

SPAIN HEAVY LOSER

Madrid, Feb. 9, via Paris.—The Spanish Mercantile Marine, which, in July, 1914, consisted of 640 vessels with an aggregate tonnage of 846,491, up to January 31 had sustained losses of ships to the value of about 70,000,000 pesetas by reason of the war.

RECOMMEND POSTAL INCREASE

Washington, D. C., Feb. 9.—The Senate Post Office subcommittee to-day recommended to the whole committee an increase in second class mail rates of one-half cent per pound for this year and an additional half cent per pound next year. The entire committee already has received many protests against such an increase. It has not yet been recommended to the Senate.

WILLARD AND FULTON MATCHES

Albany, Feb. 9.—Announcement that Jess Willard, world's champion heavyweight boxer, and Fred Fulton had been matched for a ten-round bout, March 26, at New York, was made here to-day by Grant Hugh Browne, of New York.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Samuel Galea Eschelman and Ruth Irene Runkel, West Hanover township. William Schesman and Marguerite Waltz, Steelton. Harold Richter Helf and Ruth Kathryn McCahn, Harrisburg. Oscar James and Loretta Cassandra Wagner, Steelton. Charles William Kearns, Middletown, and Margaret Jane Bollinger, Royalton.