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SINKING OF AMERICAN SCHOONER ILLEGAL BUT NOT AN "OVERT" ACT

WILSON TO GO BEFORE CONGRESS SOON ANYHOW

Accumulation of Violations of American Rights May Lead President to Address Nation's Lawmakers at Any Time; Depends Entirely on Circumstances

SINCE NO LIVES WERE LOST ON SHIP BELIEVED INCIDENT WILL BE CLOSED

No Word From Germany on U. S. Inquiry as to Exact Status of Americans Taken in on Yarrowdale; No News From Elkins About Americans in Turkey

Washington, Feb. 15. — While it still was indicated that the accumulation of American rights violations might lead President Wilson to go before Congress at any time it was stated to-day that he has made no definite plans for taking such a step immediately.

When he will go before Congress, it was said, will depend entirely upon circumstances. The opinion grows among officials, however, that such a step would not be long deferred.

Nothing has been heard by the State Department early to-day from Germany in reply to its inquiry as to the exact status of the Americans taken into Germany on the prize ship Yarrowdale. Likewise no news came from Ambassador Salkus at Constantinople about Americans in Turkey.

Shipping Questions Serious The government began to-day to feel the insistent need for some sort of action soon to open a way for movement of shipping now held up by American ports by suspension of sailings on account of the German submarine campaign. Reports of the accumulating freight now are reaching officials regularly, and although the situation is not yet regarded as serious, it is apparent that American industries will be affected unless ocean shipping starts moving before long.

Law Sinking Illegal The sinking of the American schooner Lyman M. Law in the Mediterranean by an Austrian submarine probably with warning, is regarded by officials here as illegal inasmuch as the cargo was not contraband and the submarine displayed no flag, but since no lives were lost it is believed the incident will not in itself develop into a cause for drastic action by this government.

CAPTAIN SENDS CABLE New York, Feb. 15. — A cablegram from F. W. McDonough, captain of the American schooner Lyman M. Law which was sunk in the Mediterranean, was received here to-day by the agents, the Maritime Transportation Company. The message reads: "Law destroyed Austrian submarine. Crew safe Cagliari, Sardinia. (Signed) F. W. McDONOUGH."

Capt. of Lyman M. Law Will Testify in Rome on Sinking of Ship

Cagliari, Sardinia, Feb. 14, via Paris, Feb. 15. — Captain McDonough, master of the American schooner Lyman M. Law, which was sunk by an Austrian submarine, will leave here to-morrow for Rome to testify before the American consular authorities with regard to the sinking of his ship. United States Consul Tredwell at Rome summoned Captain McDonough to the Italian capital to-day through the British consul here.

The British consul has taken affidavits from Captain McDonough and the crew of the Lyman M. Law, in which they say that the vessel was

suddenly approached by a submarine which gave no indication of her nationality. They say they were scarcely given time to save themselves before the schooner was torpedoed and set on fire.

Discredits Reports That American Relief Workers in Belgium Are Held

Washington, Feb. 15. — Reports from Bern that American relief workers in Belgium are held prisoners by the German military authorities were discredited here to-day by Herbert C. Hoover, chairman of the American Relief Commission. Mr. Hoover said he expected no difficulty in the departure of the Americans from Belgium into Holland and hoped they all would be out within a week. At present there are 42 American relief workers in Belgium.

Mr. Hoover was in Washington consulting with State Department officials on the best way to reconstruct the relief work which the German authorities have forced the Americans to give up.

It is hoped that a Dutch and Spanish commission may take it over with the work largely directed by Dutch army officers although guaranteed by the two governments.

Mr. Hoover believes Belgium will emerge from the war in better condition economically than any of the European neutrals provided it is not destroyed by fighting. He estimated that the Belgian per capita debt will be about \$150 while that of other belligerents will jump to from \$400 to \$600. Belgian industry is expected to revive quickly after the peace.

Mr. Hoover estimates that supplies now in Belgium will last about six weeks. German officials feel that the supply will last while other arrangements are being made.

Grantland Rice Joins the Telegraph Staff



Grantland Rice, the world-famous sporting writer, joins the staff of the Harrisburg Telegraph with this issue. His "Sport-Light" will be henceforth a daily feature of the Telegraph's sporting page. Read his first article to-night.

WINTER HAS NO TERRORS FOR GYPSY BAND IN REAR OF STATE ARSENAL



HOW WOULD YOU LIKE LIVING LIKE THIS? Thirty-five-mile gales and thermometers hovering around zero seem to have no effect on the health or happiness of a gypsy band that camps in the rear of the State arsenal. More than thirty-five men, women and children have been camping here since last October with no other protection than their tents.

MEXICANS KILL TWO AMERICANS IN SECOND RAID

Another Ranch on This Side of Border Devastated by Bandits

POSSE IS ORGANIZING

Band of Fifty Heavily Armed Cowboys to Sweep Across Line After Captives

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 15. — Two Americans were reported killed Tuesday when a band of Mexicans, believed to have been a part of Jose Ynez Salazar's command, raided Lang's ranch, on the American side of the border, west of the Corner Ranch, which was raided Monday, according to an American who returned here to-day. He said one of the men reported to have been killed in the raid at Lang's ranch was named Fulton. The name of the other man was not known.

Cuban Revolt Being Put Down by Authorities

Washington, Feb. 15. — State Department reports from Cuba to-day indicate that the government is making some progress in putting down the Liberal uprising.

The most important advantage won by the followers of Zayas was at Santiago where General Fernandez with 1,000 of the regular army and as many more armed civilians is in possession of the port. Minister Gonzalez has forwarded to the one American naval vessel off Santiago the warning from Fernandez, that the harbor is mined.

Havana, Feb. 15. — Latest reports from Las Villas show that the conservatives have a large majority in the recent election. Three rebels and two troopers were killed in a fight between the insurgents under Baldomera Acosta and forces under Colonel Carrillo. In Manguaraya rebels under Joaquin Gomez were dispersed by troops who captured arms and horses. There is no interruption in the operations of the sugar mills. The government has cabled the United States for prices on the latest makes of airplanes.

PENNSY PAYROLL IS \$35,000 HIGHER PER MONTH HERE

Readjustment of Wages Gives Shopmen and Clerks Increases

The Telegraph learned positively to-day that the Pennsylvania railroad has made a readjustment of wages affecting shopmen, clerks and other employees.

The new scale went into effect February 1 and checks which go out this and next week show increases varying from one to fifteen per cent. The readjustment is based on the number of years the men have been employed and the hours of labor. The minimum increase granted is \$2 and the maximum runs \$8 a month.

Altoona clerks and individuals received their first checks yesterday and the men on the middle and other divisions will receive their increases during the next five days.

Ever since Christmas, reports of an increase and a probable bonus for employees have been in circulation. Eventually all employees will be affected, it is understood.

It is said the increase in the Harrisburg payroll will amount to a total of \$35,000 each month.

Jail-Breaker Will Be Returned to This State and Hanged

Governor Brumbaugh to-day made requisition upon the Governor of Arizona for the return to Mauch Chunk of Martin Leskowsky, who broke out of the Carbon county jail in the summer of 1909 while awaiting execution for murder.

The application for the papers was made by District Attorney C. G. Setzer, of Carbon county, who set forth that Leskowsky was convicted of a murder committed July 20, 1903, and broke jail while under sentence of death on July 19, 1909, the sheriff of the county at that time certifying to the facts. The man fled to the west and after getting into trouble in Montana drifted to Arizona where he was arrested at Prescott.

He is now being held to await action by the State authorities. When Leskowsky comes back he will be hanged at Mauch Chunk as the crime he committed and his sentence were prior to the enactment of the electrocution law.

MURDERER GETS TWENTY YEARS IN EAST "PEN"

Judge Henry Sentences Eddie Marshall Who Pleads Guilty to Second Degree

FRAZER STILL OUT

Asks Court For Further Instructions; Twelve Men Are About Equally Divided

Pleading guilty to murder in the second degree, Eddie Marshall, alias Monroe, accused of shooting Albert Brown last December 18, in a fight in a house in Sarah alley, was sentenced by Judge Charles V. Henry this morning to serve not less than eighteen nor more than twenty years in

Put Additional Blast in Operation April 15 at Central Iron Co.

Announcement was made by Robert H. Irons, of the Central Iron and Steel Company this afternoon that an additional blast furnace would be put in operation April 15. This furnace is one of a pair that have been idle for three years.

EVENING EDITION OF PATRIOT MAKES FIRST APPEARANCE The Patriot's evening edition, The Evening News, made its first appearance to-day. Large numbers of free copies were distributed. The newspaper is published from the plant of the Patriot. It is published and controlled by Vance C. McCormick. Its policies will be the same as those of the Patriot. Some of the Patriot staff have been detailed for work on the evening edition. Several new men also have been added.

To Readers of the Telegraph

With this evening's issue of the Telegraph, half a hundred new carrier boys are delivering papers in all parts of the city. This has been made necessary by the tremendous increase in the Telegraph's circulation within the past week, and our readers are asked to remember that they themselves were once young and in the same position would have appreciated co-operation and assistance. The Circulation Department will count it a favor if any Telegraph readers will phone in any discourtesy or omission on the part of the Telegraph's carriers. Call 4100, Circulation Department.

PENNSY PREPARING PLANS FOR STATION IN EXTENSION ZONE

Site to Be Between North and Walnut Streets and Structure Will Cost Several Millions; to Be in Keeping With General Scheme of Capitol Park Development

SURVEYS BEING MADE BY ENGINEERS; SEEKING OPTIONS IN TENTH STREET

Three Big Improvements Now Underway Nearing Completion; Will Soon Dedicate the Cumberland Valley Bridge; Make Headway on Freight Station and 20 New Tracks

A great passenger station of ornamental design and large enough to take care of Harrisburg's constantly growing demands is being planned in the Philadelphia office of the Pennsylvania Railroad, according to a generally credited rumor in railroad circles to-day.

The site for the new station is said to be between North and Walnut streets. It will cost upwards of several million dollars and will be situated so as to fit into the general landscape scheme to be worked out for the Capitol park extension.

Surveys recently were made northward from Market street to North street and from Seventh street to Cameron street. Blue prints were prepared of this section of the city and sent to Philadelphia. Engineers in charge of the survey refused to divulge any business secrets, but one property owner on Cowden street south of Walnut was told to look for other quarters.

It is understood that options have been secured on Tenth street property between Walnut and State, by the Pennsylvania Railroad. It was learned sometime ago that the Pennsy was seeking additional yard facilities in the vicinity of State street, but no official plans for track extensions have been announced.

At present three big improvements are under way. One, the Cumberland Valley Railroad bridge, is nearing completion and will shortly be turned over to the Cumberland Valley Railroad Company. Work is progressing on the new Pennsylvania freight station in South Harrisburg. In spite of the shortage of labor and cold weather the contractors are making headway. The other big improvement is the addition of 20 tracks east of Lochiel to take care of the Bethlehem Steel Company business.

CARTER TO SPEAK W. Justin Carter will speak February 21 in Pittsburgh at a celebration in honor of the 100th birthday anniversary of Frederick Douglas, to be held under the auspices of the National Association For the Advancement of Colored People. Mr. Carter will preside at a similar meeting to be held on February 25 at Philadelphia.

NO LABOR MEETING It is understood that the Central Labor Union this afternoon announced that the notice published this morning concerning a special meeting of the Union to be held this afternoon was a mistake. There will be no meeting until next Monday night.

MURDER JURY SPLITS

The jury in the Frazer murder case came into court this afternoon and announced it was unable to agree upon a verdict. Judge McCarrel sent the jurors back with instructions to make another effort to reach a decision. He called sand Judge McCarrel charged the jury in the Fickes murder case late this afternoon.

FLETCHER ON WAY TO MEXICO

Laredo, Tex., Feb. 15.—Henry P. Fletcher, American ambassador to Mexico, passed through here to-day, enroute to his post at Mexico City. The official party has crossed into Mexico.

WANT CONSTITUTION AMENDED

Harrisburg. — Home rule for boroughs to be accomplished by means of an amendment to the constitution was this afternoon. Other recommendations include short count approved by the delegates to the borough convention late cils of from three to five members elected at large with salaries ranging from \$75 to \$300 a year; repeal of a section of the Public Service Commission act to permit municipalities to maintain public utilities without restriction; provision for return of fifty per cent. of the automobile license fees to boroughs wherein collected, and authority to regulate billboards on private party. Committees probably will be appointed late to-day.

MARKET EXCESSIVELY DULL

New York, Feb. 15. — The record of many months for excessive dullness was broken during to-day's noon hour, about 17,000 shares changing hands. Price movements were mainly downward with especial heaviness in gas issues.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Jerome Bones and Helena R. Humes, Middletown. Francesco Paolo Zaro, Philadelphia, and Katie De Camplin, Marysville. Robert Henry Twyman, Middletown, and Margaret Dey Moore, Philadelphia.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Snow, probably turning to rain to-night; Friday generally fair; not much change in temperature, lowest to-night about 25 degrees.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Snow in north, snow or rain south portion to-night; Friday partly cloudy; not much change in temperature; increasing east to northeast shifting to strong northwest winds to-night.

River The Susquehanna river and all its branches will probably continue to fall slowly, except local rises may occur due to ice. A stage of about 6.5 feet, ice reading, is indicated for Harrisburg Friday morning.

General Conditions The disturbance that was central near the Texas coast, Wednesday morning, has moved rapidly northeastward with increasing energy and is now central over East Tennessee. It has caused precipitation, mostly rain, generally south and east of the Ohio river (except over the Florida peninsula) and in the southwest during the last twenty-four hours.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 24 degrees above zero. Sun rises, 6:53 a. m. Moon: Full moon, February 21, 1:00 a. m. River Stage: 6.4 feet above low-water mark. Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 37. Lowest temperature, 20. Mean temperature, 25. Normal temperature, 30.