



HEAVY TOLL TAKEN IN MEDITERRANEAN ZONE; TO CALL CONGRESS SOON

TRANSPORT IS AMONG MANY VESSELS JUST REPORTED SUNK

Berlin Announces Destruction of Four Steamers Aggregating 11,900 Tons During Last Few Days

ITALIAN SHIP CROWDED WITH MEN

Claim Real Submarine Successes Much Larger as Majority of Commanders Have Not Yet Reported

Dispatches from various sources to-day added a dozen ships to the list of those sunk as the result of the recent Teutonic submarine operations. Most of these were sent to the bottom several days ago. The longest list came from a German source and claimed the sinking of six vessels in the Mediterranean within the last few days. The names of three of these, not previously mentioned in shipping reports, were given, their tonnage aggregating 8,000 tons. In addition the sinking was claimed of two steamers, names not given, of a total of 7,500 tons and of a crowded Italian transport, tonnage not stated. 23,000 Tons Paris officially reports the sink-

WILL REQUEST AUTHORITY TO PROTECT SHIPS BEFORE MARCH 4

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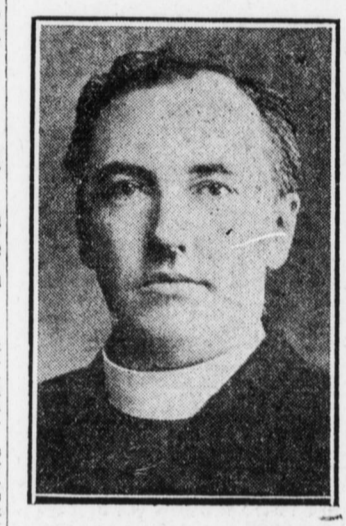
IS NOT AFTER DECLARATION OF WAR

Satisfied When Such Action Is Needed There Will be Little Division; Austrian Breach Expected

Washington, Feb. 21.—President Wilson has practically decided to appear before Congress prior to adjournment March 4, to ask for additional authority to protect American seamen and ships against the German submarine menace. While officials said to-day there was a bare chance that he will not carry out the plan, there was every indication that he would make his address either late this week or early next week. The President's position, as outlined authoritatively to-day, is that Congress before adjourning should pass a broad resolution giving him additional authority. He has definitely decided what he will say to Congress but that had not been made public. Officials generally expect that sooner or later arms will be furnished to American ships. Ships Still Tied Up Despite the statement of the British government that a very small percentage of vessels going to and from the war zone were sunk by German submarines, officials pointed out to-day that most American vessels in the trans-Atlantic trade were still held up. It was emphasized to-day that when the President appears before Congress he will not do so with the purpose of asking for a declaration of war. While it is realized that the pacifist element

SWEEPING CHANGES IN CLERGY OF HARRISBURG DIOCESE ARE MADE BY BISHOP MCDEVITT

Father Hassett Transferred to St. Edward's Church, Shamokin; Father Carey, of St. Francis' to Become Cathedral Rector; Assistants Also Changed; New Priest at Middletown



RT. REV. M. M. HASSETT Transferred from Cathedral to St. Edward's, Shamokin.

Sweeping changes in the clergy of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg were announced today by Bishop Philip R. McDevitt. The transfers are effective February 25. The Rt. Rev. Monsignor M. M. Hassett, D. D., rector of St. Patrick's Cathedral, this city, is transferred to St. Edward's Church at Shamokin. He succeeds the late Rev. Monsignor J. J. Koch, who died recently. The Rev. D. J. Carey, rector at St. Francis' Church, Market street, succeeds Dr. Hassett, as rector at the Cathedral. The Rev. L. P. Reardon, assistant to Dr. Hassett, has also been transferred to St. Edward's Church, Shamokin. He will be succeeded at St. Patrick's Cathedral by the Rev. M. J. O'Flynn, of St. Mary's Church, York.



REV. D. J. CAREY Rector at St. Francis' Becomes Head of Cathedral

The Rev. J. R. Murphy, of St. Vincent's Church, Hanover, comes to St. Francis' Church, as successor to the Rev. D. J. Carey. The Rev. W. A. Howard, of St. Mary's Church, Middletown, succeeds the Rev. J. R. Murphy at Hanover. Other changes include: The Rev. Julius C. Foin, St. Ignatius' Church, Orttanna, to St. Mary's Church, Middletown. The Rev. W. W. Whalen, St. Edward's Church, Shamokin, to St. Ignatius' Church, Orttanna, Penna. The Rev. Jos. McDonnell, St. Mary's Church, McSherrystown, to St. Joseph's at West Shamokin. The Rev. J. B. Lawley, St. Joseph's, West Shamokin, to Church of Our Lady, Mt. Carmel.

FEARS ANARCHY AND RIOTING IF FOODSTUFFS ARE NOT SENT EAST

President of Chicago Board of Trade Advises R. R. Heads to Place Embargoes on Everything But Food

N. Y. MAYOR SEES RIOTING HOUSEWIVES

Promises to Ask Committee For \$1,000,000 to Buy Food; Declare Children Starving to Death by Hundreds

Chicago, Feb. 21.—President J. P. Griffin, of the Chicago Board of Trade, to-day telegraphed to the Interstate Commerce Commission and to the presidents of eastern railroads, insisting that unless an immediate embargo were placed on all products east-bound out of Chicago except fuel and foodstuffs, the country will face the danger of anarchy and rioting. A meeting of directors of the Board of Trade, lawyers and traffic experts was held this afternoon to ascertain if legal means can be found to force the railroads an dthe Interstate Commerce Commission to clear up the situation, particularly as it affects Chicago. "The Commission and the railroads have failed in the crisis," said Mr. Griffin. "We are trying to ascertain if the courts offer a solution." In his telegram to the railroad presidents, Mr. Griffin says: "Despite all your assurances, no relief has been afforded to move grain and other food products out of Chicago. The present scarcity of supplies borders on famine in many communities with the consequent inflation of values directly chargeable to the failure of railroads to meet this national emergency."

RAILROAD POLICE SEEK GERMAN SPIES WORKING NEAR HERE

Pair of Suspects Sought by P. R. R. Special Officers Along Philadelphia Division

PHOTOGRAPHED STEELTON MILL AND PLANTS IN OTHER ADJOINING TOWNS

Captain Barclay's Men Watch Every Avenue of Escape; "We Can Not Afford to Take Any Chances," He Declares

In an effort to catch alleged German spies taking photographs and making maps of munitions plants and railroads centers in Pennsylvania, special officers of the Philadelphia division of the Pennsylvania railroad, to-day watched every possible avenue of escape. Two suspects on train No. 8 leaving Harrisburg at 2:35 yesterday afternoon either got away from the detectives by changing their make-up or leaving the train at Lancaster before search was made in that city. The suspects started activity when the train passed Steelton. Several pictures of the steel plant were taken when the train slowed up, the detectives say. At Middletown more pictures were taken. Captain Barclay was notified by telegram from Mt. Joy. He wired Lancaster authorities to make a search of the train, but the men could not be found. At Philadelphia, government agents and Philadelphia detectives boarded the train at West Philadelphia where they made a thorough search, but were unable to discover any person with cameras. Captain Barclay believes that the two men might have changed their clothing, left the train at Lancaster and returned to this city or some other place to have the plates developed. The railroad officers to-day visited photograph galleries in Middletown, Elizabethtown, Mt. Joy and Lancaster to learn if any strangers brought plates for development. Local galleries were also visited. Captain Barclay said: "We cannot afford to take chances. Railroads will be busy carrying troops and supplies in case of war, and the dynamiting of bridges and plants would in all probability be a part of the work of the enemy's representatives in the United States." The reported activities of these suspected spies, coming on the heels of the announcement by Senator Lee S. Overman, of North Carolina, in Washington on Monday, that he had information from the Department of Justice that there are more than 100,000 foreign spies in this country, has stirred the local Federal authorities to unusual efforts to capture and examine the men. It is pointed out that in the event of war such photographs they are reported to have taken would be of great value to a hostile power.

2,000 Killed or Hurt In Rumanian Wreck, Overseas Agency Says

Berlin, Feb. 21, by wireless to Sayville. — There were approximately two thousand persons killed or injured in the recent railroad accident near Chirurua, in Northern Rumania, according to the Moscow newspaper Russkoye Slovo, as quoted by the Overseas News Agency. Five hundred persons were instantly killed according to this account. "The train jumped the tracks and the cars were telescoped," reads the summarized account as given out by the news agency. "Fire broke out at once in several places and a panic among the passengers ensued. Fathers and mothers pushed their children aside in efforts to save themselves," says the Russkoye Slovo. Men pushed women into the fire, women and men attacking each other with teeth and finger nails. Others lost their minds and ran into the burning cars. Then ammunition on board the train began exploding killing many persons." An Overseas News Agency statement on January 28 based on accounts in the Russkoye Slovo reported more than 100 Rumanians of high rank killed in the Chirurua train wreck. The train was carrying Rumanian refugees to Russia.

REFORM JURY COMMISSIONER IS UNDER FIRE

Investigation Into Report of Samuel M. Taylor Is Ordered

Recruiting Records For Ten Years Broken

The past ten days has seen more recruiting for the military and naval forces of the United States than in many years, it was reported this morning at the recruiting stations in the Bergher Building. The district in the army branch now stands fifteenth on a list of fifty in the number of recruits turned in by postmasters. It was said. Postmasters, under a new act of Congress, are paid \$5 for each recruit they can get for Uncle Sam, and they are working hard toward getting men to serve with the colors. Lieutenant Leshner, assistant to Captain Harrell, said this morning that correspondence with postmasters throughout the district is now being carried on with a view of developing this form of recruiting.

WALNUT STREET BRIDGE LOAN FUND MAY BE DIVERTED

Mr. Bechtold of Steelton, Puts in Measure With That End in View

A bill which would enable the city of Harrisburg to change the \$200,000 loan voted in 1915 for the construction of a viaduct to span the Pennsylvania railroad and the valley of Paxton creek at Walnut street to any other purpose with the assent of the electors was introduced into the House to-day by Representative D. J. Bechtold, of Steelton. The bill is an amendment to the act of 1874 regulating the manner of increasing the indebtedness of the municipalities of the state. Provisions of Bill In brief the bill provides that when the corporate authorities signify desire to make such increase of debt or having previously received the assent of the electors to an increase of indebtedness and the purposes for which said increase was asked and assent obtained having proven to be impracticable or impossible, and the corporate authorities of any county, city, borough, township, school or other municipality or incorporated district by their ordinance or vote shall have signified a desire to use the money so borrowed for any other lawful municipal purpose they shall give notice of an election for the purpose of obtaining the assent of the electors thereof to use the money theretofore borrowed for another lawful purpose. At the election the new purpose shall be set forth on the advertisement and on the ballot.

PIZZIMENTI PARDON CASE CAUSES SPLIT

McClain and Brown Differ as to Merits of Harrisburg Italian's Case

No Action To-day on Sproul Resolution

Governor Brumbaugh to-day signed the Senate resolution relative to Civil War retirements which was passed yesterday. The Governor did not indicate when he would act on the resolution for an investigation of government, which is now on his desk. The special committee of the judiciary general committee which is to sit in Pittsburgh to hear expressions on the bills to abolish capital punishment to-day announced that it would meet on March 2 in the Allegheny county courthouse.

CARPENTERS GIVE PRAISE TO GOVERNOR

Express Confidence in State Executive; Hear of Proposed Legislation

17,000 Krupp Mechanics Reported on Strike

By Associated Press Amsterdam, Feb. 21, via London.—The frontier correspondent of the Telegraph says that a strike in the Krupp works at Essen, involving 17,000 workmen, has been in progress for a fortnight. The men the correspondent declares, are demanding higher wages and increased food rations. Many of the strikers, he adds, have been sent to the front. KING WILL FILED The will of Arthur King, president of the Middletown Car Works, who died recently, was filed to-day for probate. The widow, two daughters and one son will receive the entire estate.

MITCHEL HEARS WIVES' PLEA New York, Feb. 21. — After Mayor Mitchell had been informed by East Side housewives to-day that their children were "starving to death by hundreds" because of the high cost of food, he promised to place before the Board of Estimate on Friday their plea that \$1,000,000 be appropriated by the city to buy food for distribution at reasonable prices.

MARKET CLOSES HEAVY New York, Feb. 21. — Steel and other prominent industries were under further pressure in the last hour with more moderate recessions in rails. The closing was heavy. The approaching holiday and fresh international uncertainties invited profit taking in various parts of the list to-day, leaders yielding 1 to 3 points. Sales were estimated at \$25,000 shares.

MAYOR RESTS WELL Harrisburg. — Mayor E. S. Meals, who is critically ill at his home, was resting well and slightly improved this afternoon, physicians reported.

PARDON BOARD SPLIT Harrisburg. — The State Board of Pardons to-day split on the plea by Bruno Pizzimenti, of this city, for a pardon with Attorney General Brown and Lieutenant Governor McClain taking the opposite side. Pizzimenti was sent back to the penitentiary for a technical violation of his parole. He plead guilty to second degree murder in 1907 and was given an 18-year sentence.

PAY TRIBUTE TO GOVERNOR Harrisburg. — Spirited addresses by E. E. Greenwalt, Commissioner of Immigration, Philadelphia, and Dr. John Price Jackson, Pennsylvania Commissioner of Labor, Harrisburg, were features of the morning session of the State Carpenters' Convention, now in session in Chestnut Street Auditorium. The Resolution Committee submitted resolutions the most important of which paid a high tribute to Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh. The session adjourned to meet at 2:30 o'clock to elect officers and select convention headquarters for next year.

MARRIAGE LICENSES Charles Carl Zebell, Swatara township, and Laura Esther May Shopf, Bressler. Joe Hartino and Esther May Dively, Steelton. Harold Albert St. Peter and Margaret Cronin, Harrisburg. John Leroy Edward and Carrie Anna Dear, Harrisburg. Paul C. Hoover and Lizzie M. Klinger, Leckers township.

THE WEATHER For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night, with lowest temperature about 26 degrees; Thursday unsettled, probably rain or snow, and warmer. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Partly cloudy to-night, with warmer; probably rain or snow and warmer; moderate northeast to east winds. Temperature: 8 a. m., 26 degrees above zero. Sun: Rises, 6:56 a. m. Moon: First quarter, February 28, 11:48 p. m. River Stage: 6.8 feet above low-water mark. Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 40. Lowest temperature, 30. Mean temperature, 40. Normal temperature, 51. General Conditions Temperature changes west of the Rockies have risen slightly, except in a few localities. Light rains fell generally south and east of the Ohio river and light snows occurred in north districts from Montana to the Atlantic coast. Rains and snows fell over the Pacific slope. River The Susquehanna river and all its branches will probably remain nearly stationary without much change in ice conditions. A stage of about 6.6 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Thursday morning.

An Ash Wednesday Thought (Not by "Suskie") When I saw the dusky Nubian, this morning, Taking out the ashes here and there— And falling to call at many places, The thought struck me, As I watched him— An Ash Wednesday thought, I might say— The thought struck me— That here in Harrisburg— Harrisburg, a regular city— All we need is the sackcloth; We have the ashes. —HAZEL NUTT.