

## America Almost Alone in Rupture With Germany; U-Boat Sinks Liner, 13 Other Ships Reported Lost.

### DANGER OF WAR WITH GERMANY STILL PRESENT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—A state department official message today said Ambassador Gerard had gone to Berne; another message said that he would leave soon.

Previously a message had come indicating that the German government was delaying his transportation until it knew that Count von Bernstorff had been satisfactorily passed, while still another message indicated there was no difficulty and that all was being arranged agreeably.

This conflict of reports puzzled officials, though they said the latest report indicated that matters were adjusting themselves and that Gerard would be quitting Germany very soon.

At any rate, officials did not believe there would be more than a temporary check to Gerard's home coming.

A message saying Gerard was in Berne was received from Ambassador Willard in Madrid, but in view of previous conflicting messages the department was not sure Willard's information was accurate.

Willard had been asked to communicate with Gerard in Berlin. He replied that he had received a message from Berne, signed Gerard, and asked if he should forward the communication the state department requested there. Gerard may be in Berne, but it is suggested at the department that some embassy attache may have gone ahead of the ambassador and sent the message to Madrid, signing Gerard's name. The state department has now cabled to the American minister at Berne, asking if Gerard is there.

The United States is now well within the "danger zone" of relations with Germany.

No indication is forthcoming that the imperial government intends modifying the submarine program which brought the break. In view of Foreign Secretary Zimmerman's utterance, officials here believe Germany will go through to the end with her U-boat campaign.

The general situation was described today as being the same as last Saturday when the President went to Congress and notified the world of the break.

### VATICAN SUFFERS FROM U-BOAT PLAN

MILAN, Feb. 9. — The relations of the Vatican with the American Catholic Church, according to the Secolo, is seriously affected and almost prevented by the German blockade notice, and protest has been made to the Nuncios at Munich and Vienna.

In Vatican circles it is said that the Vienna Government has replied that liberty of communication will remain assured for letters between the Pope and the Cardinals, and also for the Vatican diplomatic pouch.

The Secolo says the Vatican considers the blockade will be the cause of material damage through interference with the tribute of "Peter's Pence", which lately has fallen off in Europe and was being generously supplemented by Catholics in the United States.

### GERARD IS REPORTED DETAINED AT POST TILL BERNSTORFF QUILTS U. S.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 9. — It is officially stated that James W. Gerard, the American Ambassador to Germany, will not be allowed to leave Berlin until the German Government is satisfied as to the treatment of Count von Bernstorff, the retiring German Ambassador at Washington by the American Government.

### SUPPORT BILL FOR 100 SUBMARINES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9. — Republican Senators in caucus today decided to support the Poindexter bill providing for immediate construction of 100 submarines for the protection of the coast.

### CLEARFIELD COUNTY LICENSES GRANTED

CLEARFIELD, Feb. 9. — Judge Bell has disposed of four more of the licenses of Clearfield county which have been pending since license court, January 15. The Judge has granted the application of S. A. Nelson House, DuBois, and the breweries of DuBois, Clearfield and Biglers.

There still remain 16 wholesale applications and about a dozen retail applications which have been held over, some until April 1, and others until May 1.

On the DuBois side of the mountains but two licenses have been granted, the Nelson House at DuBois, and Evergreen hotel, at Falls Creek. In DuBois, where there have been 11 hotel licenses, but one license has been granted, the others being held up either because of law or court ruling violations. The prospects are that during the month of April there will be but one retail license in the town.

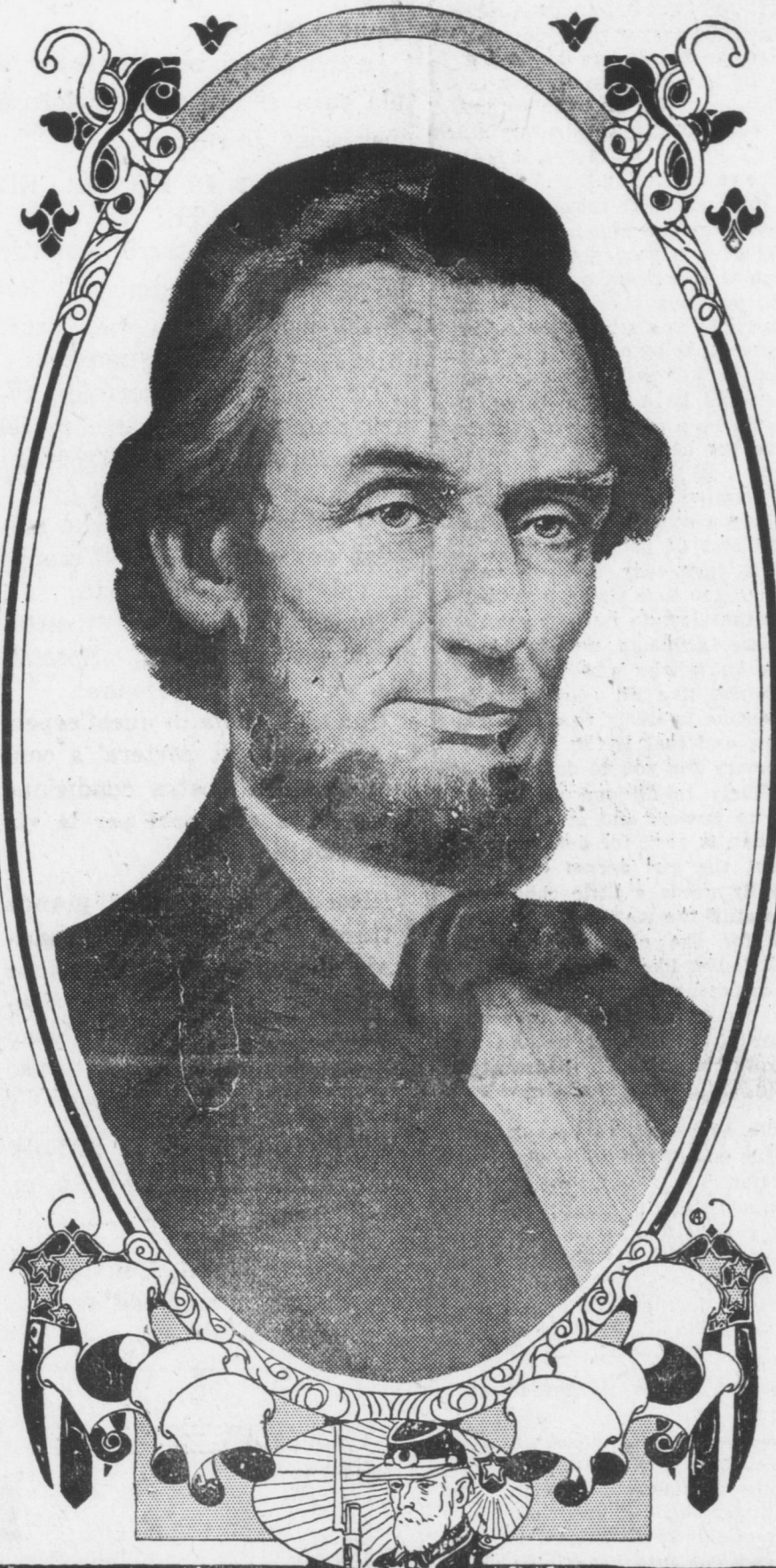
The list stands 44 granted, 16 refused and 38 held up or continued.

### WALL STREET READY TO RAISE WAR FUNDS

Everywhere in Wall street yesterday was heard the confident statement that there would be earnest cooperation in every financial center with the President and the Secretary of the Treasury in any plans they may make for putting the country on a war footing.

The Secretary has not communicated to the New York banks any suggestion as to what he intends to do to raise the necessary funds, but it is generally believed that bonds to the amount of from \$500,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000 will be offered for sale the moment war is declared.

## LINCOLN Born Feb. 12, 1809



1917 108 Years Since Lincoln was Born  
57 Years Since his first Election  
52 Years Since his Death

### SELLS 500 BUSHELS OF POTATOES AT \$2 EACH

John M. Malcolm of White township sold during the last week to A. LaMantia & Bros., the Philadelphia street fruit dealers, over 500 bushels of potatoes at \$2 per bushel.

Mr. Malcolm harvested over 800 bushels of potatoes last season, all the tubers being of the Sir Walter Raleigh variety.

### INDIANA MINING CONCERN EXHAUSTS CANNEL VEIN

No future shipments of coal will be made by the Savan Coal company, which has been operating the mine on the Lowry farm at Rochester Mills, for the reason that the pocket of cannel coal is exhausted at this opening and the vein of soft coal is too small to justify mining. The mine is now in charge of Samuel Bash, who will operate it on a limited scale and sell output to the country trade.

### NEW JERSEY RESERVES CALLED TO THE COLORS

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 8. — The second battalion of the naval reserve of New Jersey has been called to the colors. What duty the naval militiamen are to be assigned to has not been yet made public.

### ASKS POWER TO AVERT ANOTHER PAPER CRISIS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9. — The Federal Trade Commission will ask congress for ample power to prevent a future recurrence of the recent crisis in the white paper supply. The commission finished a report on its several months' investigation today, and will present it to Congress Monday. The report reviews the situation at great length, and asserts that if sufficient power is given the commission it can prevent further shortages and excessively high prices.

### FORMER INDIANA GIRL MOTHER OF TRIPLETS THREE CHUBBY GIRLS

Mrs. George Worden of Bradford, who before her marriage was Miss Anna Runge of this place, is the mother of triplets. The mother and children are doing nicely. The babies were named and weighed. No. 1 was christened Wilhelma Ruth. She weighed four and one-half lbs. No. 2 is Hazel Henrietta, five lbs. No. 3 is Georgia Anna, and she weighs four pounds.

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### COMPANY F GETS ORDER TO BE IN READINESS

Charles L. McLain, commander of Company F, Tenth Infantry, of this city, has received a special communication from Adjt. Gen. Thomas J. Stewart, to get the local company in all readiness to depart for service at short notice and be ready to join the mobilization which will take place immediately if the declaration of war is made.

The Indiana Company here comprises about 80 well-trained and equipped guardsmen, already outfitted with clothing, shoes, guns and in fact all the necessary articles for actual warfare. All the articles in each man's kit will be given immediate inspection, to see that they are in perfect condition, and already the members of the company have been notified to be in readiness to respond to a call at any time.

### County Commissioners to Hand Out Liquor Licenses If This Bill Becomes Law

HARRISBURG, Feb. 6.—Three bills to materially change the Pennsylvania liquor laws were introduced in the Senate today, in addition to a prohibition amendment.

A bill offered by Senator Croft, Montgomery, would take the power of granting liquor licenses from the common pleas courts and place it under the jurisdiction of county commissioners. It provides that the number of retail licenses shall not exceed one for each 1,000 inhabitants in any city, borough or township in any county, but licenses now in effect shall not be revoked through the population restriction. Petitions, remonstrances and all other procedure now required must be carried on through the agency of the county commissioners.

Senator R. E. Smith, introduced a county local option measure providing for an election, upon petition of 24 per cent of the qualified electors of any county, to determine whether licenses should be granted in the county. Elections can be held at periods of three years.

Senator H. W. Snyder, Blair, introduced a bill prohibiting the manufacture, sale, exchange, ordering, giving away, furnishing or otherwise disposing of, or having in possession with intent to sell or give away, any alcoholic beverages containing one-half of one per cent of alcohol. The bill provides for the law to become effective January 1, 1918, and includes all patented medicines containing more than the limited amount of alcohol. The making of wine and cider for home use is allowed, but not the manufacture and sale of grain or wood alcohol. Penalties of from \$100 to \$500 fine and imprisonment in jail from 30 to 60 days are provided.

### GAMBLING HOUSE WAS RAIDED

Charged with running a gambling house, Peter Stabo, who runs a store in the Stadtmiller building on the north side of Philadelphia street, was arrested Thursday morning. The raiding party was composed of Sheriff Harry A. Boggs, District Attorney W. N. Liggett and Constable Robert Kerr. It is understood that several players were there along with the proprietor. At a preliminary hearing before Squire James A. Crossman, Stabo was released on \$1000 bail pending his formal trial.

### THAWED DYNAMITE ON A STOVE; TWO MEN INJURED

An attempt to thaw frozen dynamite on a stove caused the serious injury of John Strovich, aged 21, and Felix Pruzursky, aged 24, miners at Lucerne, this county, yesterday. The dynamite exploded, nearly wrecked a house and seriously injured both men. They are in the Indiana hospital.

### FOUR-PRONGED BUCK WHICH HAD BECOME A NUISANCE TO FARMERS FOUND DEAD

A big four-pronged deer which has been spending several months in the vicinity of the Stuchell school house, in Rayne township, was killed by some unknown person recently. The animal is said to have become a nuisance to the farmers in that vicinity, and to have abused the sheep.

### INDIANA COUNTY SELLS COAL LAND

EBENSBURG, Feb. 8. — A deed was left for record yesterday in the office of Recorder Daniel W. Good, by which the Indiana Land & Improvement transferred to the Sterling Coal Company the coal in 320 acres in Carroll township. The consideration recited in the deed is \$1 and other valuable considerations.

### UNNATURALIZED GERMAN SAILORS ARE DISCHARGED

GALVESTON, Tex., Feb. 8.—All sailors of German birth not having full naturalization papers have been discharged from the coast guard cutter Comanche. It is understood here the same step has been ordered on all vessels of the American navy and related services. The men discharged here held 'intention' papers.

### Big Rush for Citizenship

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 8.—All records in the Pittsburgh naturalization office were broken today when 107 men of foreign birth applied for their first citizenship papers. Of this number 61 of the applicants were subjects of Austro-Hungary and 37 were German born.