

# THE PATRIOT

## Germany's Course Hastening Clash

### Sinking of American Tanker Speeds Up War Preparations

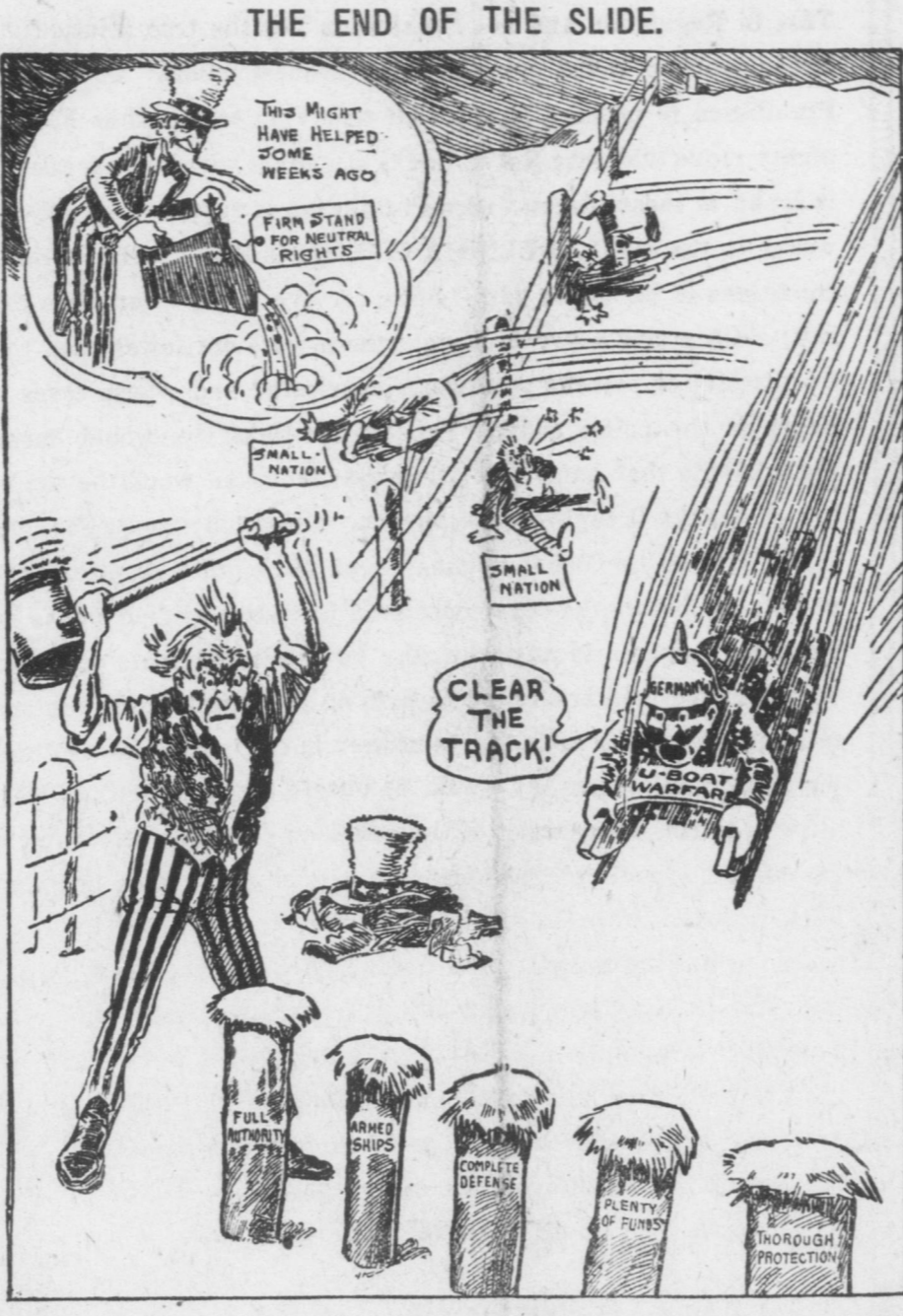
WASHINGTON, March 23.—Germany's latest affront in the torpedoing without warning of the American tanker Healdton will be followed by continued speeding up of all preparations for actual hostilities, which are now regarded as inevitable.

President Wilson and Secretary Lansing are convinced that Germany's present course is merely hastening a clash. The President and his secretary are known from the highest and most authoritative sources to have held the firm conviction—even before the sinking of the Healdton—that the kaiser's government is determined on forcing a declaration of war from this country.

#### Cabinet Meeting Held.

President Wilson met with the cabinet today to consider developments in the international situation, and to discuss the progress made by all departments in preparing for hostilities. There is indication today that the President after Congress has defined the status between Germany and the United States, will augment his cabinet by one or more posts to cover the work of transportation and possibly a portfolio to handle the work of munitions making.

This, however, is entirely tentative. The more likely course for the present, at least, is believed to be the continuance of the National defense council as a special advisory body in preparing for war.



—Seibel in Albany Knickerbocker Press.

## GOOD ROADS GIVEN BOOST HERE

### COURT NEWS

In an order, Judge J. N. Langham refuses to confirm the appointment of District Attorney William N. Liggett, of L. G. Clark, of South Seventh street, to be County Detective.

In the case of Joe Morasco and Tony Morasco, charged with illegally selling liquor at Ernest and Creekside Tony Morasco entered a plea of guilty and it is understood Joe Morasco will do the same as soon as he returns from the hospital in Pittsburgh, where he is now a patient. This case was tried in December and when about to go to the jury one of the jurors suddenly became ill and the case was continued.

Albert Maruca, of McIntyre, paid the costs on the liquor charge against him. Maruca pleaded guilty some time ago to another charge preferred after this one and was paroled. The costs amount to \$157.

The liquor charges against Martin Smalko, of Clymer, and Dr. F. W. Corsin, formerly of Blairsville but now in Westmoreland county, were dropped on payment of the costs by the defendant in each case. The costs amount to more than \$100.

Sam Gallo, charged with selling liquor without a license, failed to appear when his case was called last Friday. Wednesday, he appeared before the Court and gave bail for \$750 for his appearance at the June term of Court.

The case of the Commonwealth against Joe Raglani, of Tide, Pa., charged with the theft of chickens was heard Monday afternoon. The prosecutor was Max Sambol. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty, and divided the costs among the prosecutor and the defendant.

Nick Malchan, of Brushvalley township, near Crown Hill, convicted of wantonly discharging firearms and shooting with intent to kill; the prosecutor being Joe Carba, was sentenced on Monday by Judge Langham to pay the costs of prosecution, a fine of \$500 and to spend 11 months in the Allegheny County workhouse.

James Rocco pled guilty to selling liquor without a license, and was sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution, a fine of \$50 and to spend three months in the county jail. He was later paroled on condition that he pay the costs of prosecution, a penalty of \$50 for the use of Indiana county and thereafter refrain from violating the liquor laws.

The jury in the case of the Commonwealth against Henry M. Foster, of near Armagh, charged by R. R. Campbell with malicious mischief growing out of timber cutting, returned a verdict of not guilty, directing the prosecutor to pay 2-3 of the costs and the defendant 1-3.

#### WANTED

A farmer for a large farm; will have to furnish his own team, etc. 150 acres or over of cleared land, good and easy to work, plenty of fruit, 3 1-2 miles from Marion Center.

J. H. Rochester,  
Marion Center, Pa.

#### HIGHWAY BETWEEN COKEVILLE AND BLAIRSVILLE TO BE PAVED WITH BRICK

Good roads in Indiana have received an additional boost by favorable action which was taken Saturday. At that time it was decided to pave the highway from Blairsville to Cokeville, brick being used as the covering. The state highway department will stand one-half of the expense and the other half of the money outlay will be divided between the borough of Blairsville and Indiana county. Work will be started at once and will be rushed to completion. The paving of the road will add but another link to the good road project in this section.

#### From Blairsville to Reed.

The next important step in this direction will be the macadamizing of the highway between Blairsville and Reed station. Work on this stretch will also be started as soon as the spring weather conditions permit and it is also being planned to have it finished just as quickly as possible. With its completion motorists to and from Pittsburgh will have the pleasure of making the entire trip over a highway of either macadam or brick construction. No more clay roads will be encountered, although such roads in Indiana county have so far been quite successful.

#### To Abolish Grade Crossings.

The building of these two roads and the expected action of the state highway department and the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. in abolishing the grade crossings at Graceton and Reed station will put Indiana county on the map as a county that is constantly looking forward to progressive steps that lend themselves to the careful and laudatory attention of all travelers.

#### MCCARTHY APPOINTED TO ASST. SUPERINTENDENT

According to a notice just issued by E. J. Devans, General Superintendent of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Ry. Co. D. W. McCarthy has been promoted to Assistant Superintendent of the Middle and Pittsburgh Divisions, with headquarters at DuBois, Pa., vice R. F. Dawson, resigned. For some months past Mr. McCarthy has been acting as Assistant Superintendent of the Middle and Pittsburgh Divisions, with headquarters at Indiana, Pa.

The same notice announces the promotion of A. H. Stokes to the position of Assistant Superintendent of the Middle and Pittsburgh Divisions, with headquarters at Indiana, Pa.

Both appointments are effective March 20th.

#### NEW FUNERAL CAR

Steving & Streams, the Philadelphia, street Furniture and Undertakers, on Monday received their new funeral car. It was made by Cadillac Automobile Company and is one of the newest and most up-to-date models. The purchase of the funeral car is but another step in the plan of this firm to give the people of Indiana and this county the best service possible.

#### MOTHER AND SON KILLED BY EXPLOSION OF COALITE

Coroner H. B. Buterbaugh investigated the explosion of coalite at the home of Alex Karski, Ernest, which killed Mrs. Jennie Karski, aged 27 years, and her infant son, Steve Karski, and injured a three-year-old daughter, Mary.

The father is employed at the mines at Ernest and secured a case of coalite from the company store, Tuesday evening. He placed the explosive near the kitchen stove and later went to a neighbor's house. Returning he had just reached the front of his home, when a terrific explosion occurred in the kitchen.

Mrs. Karski and her son were blown through the side of the building and killed instantly. The daughter was found in the front of the house unconscious. The building was completely wrecked.

#### AN ACCIDENT.

Andrew Kovach, a Hungarian of near Creekside, Saturday night, lay down on a hot cinder pile at the engine pits to get warm. An engine backed down and ran over his foot. At the same time his clothes caught fire from the hot cinders. He was hurriedly taken to the Indiana hospital where his leg was amputated just above the ankle.

#### FIRE AT ISELIN.

The residence of A. and J. Popivchak, located at the Y near Iselin, was destroyed by fire on Thursday. Practically all of the contents were burned, in addition to a sum of money which was secreted in the house. The origin of the fire is not known.

#### CHANCE TO GO TO NAVY.

Congressman N. L. Strong has been requested by the Navy Department to nominate one principal and three alternates for appointment as midshipmen in the United States Navy. This means admission as students in the Naval Academy at Annapolis from which the officers of the navy are graduated. A splendid opportunity for ambitious and patriotic young men. The first examination is on April 17th, and those desiring appointment may communicate with Mr. Strong at once.

#### BRITAIN IS SPENDING \$30,000,000 A DAY.

LONDON, March 19.—Replying to a question in the House of Commons today, Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer of the British government, said that the daily expenditure of the government from April 1, 1916 to March 31, 1917, would work out at £6,000,000.

Mr. Bonar Law said the nominal total national debt was estimated at £3,900,000,000. The total estimated amount due from Great Britain's allies and the dominions was £964,000,000.

The chancellor said the average daily payments between February 11 and March 31 would amount to £7,260,000. In that period especially heavy payments were falling due which had increased the expenditure by a daily average of more than £1,000,000 and the daily expenditure for the year would work out at £6,000,000.

#### DUBOIS MINERS END THE STRIKE; RETURN TO WORK

DUBOIS, March 22.—More than 600 miners employed by the Northwestern Mining & Exchange company who have been on strike since last Wednesday will return to work tomorrow. A settlement between the miners and the company was reached today, the company agreeing to reinstate eight discharged motormen whose dismissal caused the strike. It is estimated 15,000 tons of coal were lost as a result of the week's strike.

#### STRAND THEATRE HAS BEEN SOLD

A. Blitz, of Pittsburgh, who for some time past had been the owner and director of the Strand Theatre on Philadelphia street, has disposed of his property to Caris Brothers of Wilmerding. The deal was consummated on Wednesday and possession is given immediately. Starting on Monday next the theatre will be closed for a week, during which time extensive improvements will be made, including the placing of new picture machines, a new piano and the building of a new lobby with a central box office.

#### KAISER'S PICTURE IS TORN DOWN BY STUDENTS

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Patriotic students of the Central High School here today tore down from the walls of a classroom a picture of Emperor William of Germany and hung in its place a photograph of President Wilson, decorated with two American flags.

The emperor's likeness disappeared before officers of the school cadet corps had an opportunity to present to Miss Marie Siebert, teacher of German, a resolution protesting against the presence of "a murderer's picture" and demanding its removal.

Harry Roper, 15 years old, son of Daniel C. Roper, recently appointed to the tariff commission, led the agitation begun several days ago against the picture by turning its face to the wall several times.

Miss Siebert, who is an American citizen, insisted that it remain, saying she intended to use it to illustrate a lecture.

#### BIG GUNS ACTIVE IN TREN-TINO.

LONDON, March 22.—The Italian War Office issued today the following report:

In the Trentino yesterday there was again considerable artillery activity. On Costabella heights after a violent bombardment with gas shells the enemy repeatedly attacked our advanced positions. He was repulsed with heavy loss.

The usual artillery actions and patrol encounters were reported on the Julian front. Two of our patrols entered the enemy lines in the Goritz area and destroyed them.

#### JURY IS GIVEN FATE OF KITTANNING MAN

KITTANNING, PA., March 22.—John Mechling, 30 years old, of this place, was placed on trial yesterday in the local court on a charge of murder, and today the case went to the jury. Mechling was alleged to have killed John H. Willis with a club in a livery stable near here. The prosecution and the defense were conducted in less than five hours.

#### TWO MEN HURT, ONE DIED IN HOSPITAL

Two men were accidentally injured at the Foster mines near Edri on Wednesday; one of them dying shortly after being admitted to the Indiana hospital for treatment. The dead man is Harry Uncapher of Marion Center.

Paul Stonebraker, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Stonebraker, of Cheryhill township, is in a serious condition in the hospital as the result of accidental injuries received Wednesday morning. Mr. Stonebraker is a coal and iron policeman in the employ of the mining company near Saltsburg. Wednesday morning in the performance of his regular patrol duties, his rifle slipped between two planks, on top of the tibble. The hammer of the gun was accidentally touched off and the charge entered his abdomen and worked its way upward, lodging near the right shoulder. The bullet has not yet been located. He was brought to the Indiana Hospital and his condition is considered quite serious.

#### NEW PRINCIPAL FOR THE NORMAL SCHOOL.

Dr. John A. H. Keath, principal of the Normal School at Oshkosh, Wis., was elected principal of the Indiana State Normal school at a meeting of the Board of Directors, Friday night last. Dr. James E. Ament, the retiring principal will have charge of a girls' school. The National Park Seminary, in Forest Glen, Md.

#### CAN CROSS OCEAN IN 40 HOURS IS CLAIM

ST. PAUL, March 20.—Paul Rickel, aged 23, today asserted that he can fly across the ocean in 48 hours by using in his engine a certain oil formula he claims to have perfected. He has sent this formula to the United States government as a gift.

Miss Goldie Graham, of Buffalo, Wyo., is visiting her cousin, Miss Edith Duncan, of Church Street.