



## THIRTEEN BRITISH MERCHANTMEN SUNK IN ATLANTIC BY THE KARLSRUHE

### German Cruiser's Exploit Said to Be Confirmed By the Arrival at the Canary Islands of a Vessel Bearing Crews of the Various Ships Destroyed in the Atlantic—400 Men Were Taken Prisoners—Kaiser's Formidable Warship Has Eventful Career During the Present War—Belgians Regain the Right Bank of the Yser River and Are Prepared to Move Forward

London, Oct. 23, 6.40 A. M.—A dispatch from Tenerife, Canary Islands, to the "Daily Mail," under date of Thursday, reports that the German cruiser Karlsruhe has sunk thirteen British merchantmen in the Atlantic.

The news of the Karlsruhe's exploit, according to the "Daily Mail's" Tenerife correspondent, was brought to this port by the steamer Crefeld, which arrived there with the crews of the British steamers Strathroy, Maplebranch, Highlandhope, Indrani, Rio Iguassu, Farn, Nicoet, Maria de Larrinaga, Cervantes, Cornish City, Pruth, Condor and Lynrowan, all of which were sunk by the Karlsruhe. The Crefeld was accompanied into port by the German steamers Patagonia, Rio Negro and Asuncion.

A later message states that over 400 men of the crews are prisoners and that the merchantmen were mostly sunk in the Atlantic. The ships were mostly engaged in the South American trade and their total tonnage is about 60,000.

The cruiser Karlsruhe, a ship of a trifle less than 5,000 tons, has had in this war a career as eventful in the Atlantic as that of her smaller sister ship, the Emden, in the Indian ocean. The Karlsruhe first came into notice at the outbreak of the war when she appeared in the vicinity of Sandy Hook apparently in wait for British merchantmen leaving New York. For a few days the British ships hugged their piers and then came news that the Karlsruhe had been driven away by the approach of several British cruisers.

On August 9 the Karlsruhe appeared in the harbor of San Juan, Porto Rico, where she coaled and then again took to the seas. Soon after it was learned that the Karlsruhe had been in a sensational running fight at sea with the British cruisers Suffolk and Bristol.

It appears that the British cruisers came unexpectedly upon the Karlsruhe while she was coaling from the German steamer Kronprinz Wilhelm. The cruisers engaged in a running fight while the Kronprinz Wilhelm, through her superior speed, easily escaped. The Karlsruhe also eluded her pursuers and an unconfirmed report had it that she damaged the Bristol in this fight.

Since then the Karlsruhe has appeared in several West Indian ports for coal after preying in various southern seas on British commerce. An official statement, given out in Berlin on October 3, said she had sunk seven British steamers in the Atlantic.

### BELGIANS REGAIN LOST GROUND

London, Oct. 23, 5 A. M.—A dispatch from Havre to the "Daily Telegraph" states that the Belgians regained the right bank of the Yser river on Wednesday, and are prepared to move forward.

The Germans and allies continue to-day their desperate game of give and take in west Flanders and northeastern France, neither side claiming a decisive advantage. French warships are said to have joined the British naval forces forming the extreme left of the allies and fresh German reinforcements are reported constantly coming up. Not before since the opening of hostilities have the warring forces appeared to have been so evenly matched.

The allies' war craft in the straits of Dover are shelling the German right without stopping the onslaughts of the German land forces. The allied armies have gained ground at several points and been forced to fall back at others. This afternoon's French official statement says that violent attacks are being made by the Germans all along the line from the sea to canal La Bassoe. They have also delivered heavy blows in the region of Arras and on the river Somme. Generally the allies have held their own though pushed back from some positions. They have progressed to the north and on the south of the river Somme and in the regions of Verdun and Pont-a-Mousson. The Germans appear to be making a new effort with new organizations between the North Sea and the Oise.

Paris learns unofficially that fresh troops have given a new impetus to the German attack on the French right wing.

Russian advices continue to insist that the German advance on Warsaw has been turned into a retreat. It is admitted, however, that Germans and Austrians still hold the Vistula south of the Pilica river. Berlin and Vienna report Austrian successes south of Przemyel.

The fast German cruiser Karlsruhe has become a rival of the German cruiser Emden as a destroyer of the enemy's merchant vessels. Word comes from the Canary Islands that the Karlsruhe has sunk 13 British merchantmen in the Atlantic.

A dispatch from Peking says that a German torpedo boat destroyer which escaped from Kiao-Chow bay was captured by warships of the allies.

The German press generally charge outrages against the allied troops. The "Vorwaerts," the Socialist organ of Berlin, is an exception. It states that upon investigation it has found no basis of truth in the allegations of cruelties inflicted upon German soldiers and civilians.

A news dispatch from Copenhagen says that the shipyards at Kiel are constructing a fleet of thirty armored lighters which may be used in transporting a German land force to the shores of England.

## GERMANS CONTINUE THE VIOLENT ASSAULTS ON LEFT WING OF THE ALLIES

Paris, Oct. 23, 2.55 P. M.—The official announcement given out at the war office this afternoon says:

"On our left wing the very considerable German forces whose presence was reported yesterday have continued very violent attacks in the entire region between the sea and the canal of La Bassoe.

"Generally speaking the situation of the allied forces has been maintained. If the allies had to yield at certain points they have advanced at others. The enemy also has evidenced very great activity in the region of Arras and on the river Somme. To the north and to the south of this stream we have progressed, particularly in the region of Rosieres.

"In Santerre, in the region of Verdun, and in the region of Pont-a-Mousson, we have had some partial successes. On the rest of the front there is nothing to report.

"To sum up: The enemy appears to be undertaking along the major part of the front and particularly between the North Sea and the Oise, a new effort, making use of corps made up of new organizations. These are composed of men recently drilled, some of them very young and others of middle age and have staffs drawn from various parts of the army.

"In Russia: To the south of the Pilica, the Germans still hold the Vistula river with the exception of the line from Ivanogorod to Koziele. But this they abandoned, pursued by the Russians.

"All the efforts made by the Austrians to cross the river San to the north of Jaroslau have been repulsed and the Russians are undertaking the offensive in this region."

### PREPARING FOR LANDING OF GERMAN TROOPS IN ENGLAND

Copenhagen, Oct. 23, via London, 11.10 A. M.—Two ship yards at Kiel, the Germania and the Howard, are building thirty armored lighters capable of carrying 500 men each and traveling at the rate of nine miles an hour to proceed to the coast of England.

"The Swedish Parliament for submarines, according to information here, the suggestion is made in Copenhagen that they were ordered by Germany.

### AUSTRIAN TROOPS GAINING GROUND, REPORTS VIENNA

Berlin, Oct. 23 (By Wireless)—Information received here from Vienna says it has been announced officially in the Austrian capital that the Austrian troops are still gaining ground. They attacked the Russian fortified positions near Felezytny and storming the heights to the north of Magiera on Tuesday.

They have occupied the last pass across the Carpathian mountains in Russian lands, called the Jabonica pass, and Hungarian territory is now completely clear of Russians. In the crown land of Bukovina the Austrians are advancing toward Sereth.

### 10,000 GERMAN CASUALTIES REPORTED IN COAST FIGHTING

London, Oct. 23, 4.30 A. M.—A dispatch from Dunkirk, France, to the "Chronicle" says:

"Seven hundred German dead have been buried near Neuport as a result of the fierce fighting there. The total German casualties in the channel coast fighting are estimated at 10,000.

"Thirty thousand Germans who had entrenched themselves between Ostend and Neuport retired to Ostend, leaving behind a great quantity of equipment.

"It is reported that during the British fleet's bombardment of the German line the Germans lost a convoy eight miles long, which was wrecked by shells."

### KAISER'S NEPHEW WOUNDED OCT. 12 AT MONT DESCATS

London, Oct. 23, 11 A. M.—The mystery surrounding the fate of Prince Maximilian of Hesse, a son of the youngest sister of Emperor William, has been disposed of in a report given out by the official information bureau to-day.

In this it is announced that Prince Maximilian, a young man of 20 years, was mortally wounded, October 12, in the hand fighting in the neighborhood of Mont Descats. He was buried on the grounds of the monastery crowning this hill together with three British officers and some German soldiers.

### SWEDISH STEAMER SUNK BY STRIKING MINE IN NORTH SEA

London, Oct. 23, 4.51 P. M.—The Swedish steamer Alice, homeward bound from London, has been blown up by a mine in the North Sea. She sank in three minutes. All the members of her crew were saved.

## HINT COURT WILL SET FUSION ASIDE

### Judge McCarrell Will Not, However, Rule on Philadelphia Case Until To-morrow

### STATE COMMITTEE IS HAMMERED

Lawyer for Philadelphia City Committee Says Substitutions on Legislative Ticket Constitute Violation of Purpose of Primaries

Although Judge McCarrell in court this morning announced he will not file a decision before to-morrow or Monday, as to whether the Democratic State committee violated the spirit of the primaries laws when it recently undertook to substitute candidates for Democratic aspirants for the Legislature who had withdrawn from the race in the Seventeenth Legislative district, Philadelphia county, the judge gave what was construed by many in the court room as a hint that the State committee's action will be set aside.

The matter came to the attention of Judge McCarrell through objections filed by James M. Dohany, a Philadelphia, who claimed that the Democratic State committee had no right to fill vacancies occurring in cases where withdrawals were made by the regularly nominated candidates for the purposes of fusion.

In his argument to the court to-day John H. Fow, representing the objectors, said:

"I never knew of a Philadelphia city committee being controlled by the

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## DON'T THINK STOUGH SAID IT

### Evangelist's Representatives Here Doubt Story of Attack That Stirs Dr. Brumbaugh

The Philadelphia "Public Ledger" printed this morning a dispatch of which the following is a part:

Greensburg, Pa., Oct. 22.—Dr. Martin G. Brumbaugh, Republican candidate for Governor, before beginning his address to-night, issued a signed statement in reply to an article in an up-State newspaper. The article pretended to quote the Rev. Dr. Stough, evangelist, Dr. Brumbaugh in his statement says:

"I have just been advised that the Rev. Mr. Stough is reported in a Clearfield newspaper, dated October 20, as saying at Dubois:

"The gang who traveled through Brumbaugh when he made his tour through Clearfield county were half drunk. Brumbaugh himself was led from the club rooms and put to bed by Joe Sensinger, the leading hotel man of Dubois, and so it was all through the trip."

"I can scarcely believe that a so-called evangelist would write such a slanderous lie. I shall at once consult and give him and the paper a reasonable time to make explanation and apology. It must be made decisively and as publicly as the libel was issued or I shall see that the full consequences of the law are meted out.

"Fortunately for me, my whole life is an effective and convincing answer to such villainous slander. I am not and never have been a drinking man. The truth is that in this entire campaign I have not been asked to touch liquor, and I have not at any time, at any place, tasted even a drop of any sort of intoxicating liquors.

"I do not intend to allow any one, even in the garb of a calling that ought to be heaven-high above scandal, slander and lying, to reflect upon my reputation or attack my character."

W. W. Shannon, preliminary organizer of the Stough campaign in this city, after he had seen the statement made by Dr. Brumbaugh, said this afternoon that he has kept in touch with the Dubois campaign through newspapers of that city but has seen no item concerning accusations by Dr. Stough such as are referred to in the "Ledger." He and other Stough representatives here are inclined to doubt that Dr. Stough ever made such accusations.

When asked whether he believes Dr. Stough will dwell very strongly on politics during his campaign in this city, which opens just before election, Mr. Shannon said that it is most likely the evangelist will attack politicians from the tabernacle platform, but that his attacks will be entirely "non-partisan."

### EDWIN S. LETFORD DIES

### Succumbs in Philadelphia Hospital From Stroke of Apoplexy

Edwin S. Letford, formerly of this city, died in the German hospital at Philadelphia yesterday, a victim of apoplexy. Mr. Letford was a trombone-player in the Commonwealth band for a number of years and was a member of the Hope Fire Company.

The body will be shipped to the home of his mother, Mrs. A. A. Buckingham, 1532 Green street, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The funeral will be held from the home on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Rev. John H. Daugherty and the Rev. Lewis S. Mudge officiating.

### Governor Goes to Philadelphia

Governor Tener left at noon to-day for Philadelphia. He will attend a dinner there this evening.

## LOOTED THE S.C. GILBERT RESIDENCE

### Boys Under Arrest Accused Also of Having Broken Into Home of Francis J. Hall

### ARTICLES WORTH \$250 RECOVERED

### Mr. Gilbert Identifies a Watch and a Gold Piece Coined in 1799 as Having Been Stolen From His City Home—Other Places Robbed

It was disclosed this morning, after the arrest of two youths on charges of burglary, that the home at 107 North Front street, of Spencer C. Gilbert, former member of the Harrisburg Board of Public Works and present member of the Capitol Park Extension Commission was among the places entered and robbed. Valuable coins and jewelry were taken. Most of the articles stolen from the Gilbert home were recovered among loot found last night.

Mr. Gilbert appeared at Police Headquarters this morning to identify some of the articles. He was delighted to find a gold coin, dated 1799, which was one of the first issue of gold coins made by this government.

"I would not take \$50 for that gold piece, although its actual value is but \$10.50," said Mr. Gilbert. "It is of what was known as 'Guinea' gold, minted before gold was discovered in this country. It was originally intended for a \$10 piece, but the government discovered that there were fifty cents too much gold in coins of this make and recalled them afterward."

The coin is worn smooth in some places and does not have the ring nor the color of the present gold pieces. Mayor Royal and detectives who were at headquarters when the loot was returned believed at first that it was a silver half dollar plated with gold. When its true value was made known this morning the coin was an object of much interest.

### Hall Home Also Looted

Among the other things taken from the Gilbert home was a watch with an 18 carat gold case valued at \$50. Attached to this was an expensive chain.

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## VARE AT ODDS WITH PENROSE

### Rises in House of Representatives to Demand Explanation of Statement Attributed to Senator

(Special to the Star-Independent.) Philadelphia, Oct. 23.—The Philadelphia "Public Ledger" this morning printed a dispatch dated in Washington, yesterday, which is in part as follows:

"Rising to a question of personal privilege, a question that takes precedence over any other subject that may come up in the National House of Representatives, William S. Vare, of the First Pennsylvania District, served notice on Senator Boies Penrose that he must clear his skirts of the charge of bribery, made in recent issues of the 'North American.' Mr. Vare said:

"The North American, a daily newspaper of Philadelphia, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week published an editorial statement of information purporting to have been given to its editors by Senator Boies Penrose to wit:

"That I, William S. Vare, had conveyed large sums of money to John E. Reburn, the then Mayor of the city of Philadelphia, and actually had personally paid \$5,000 into said John E. Reburn's hands.

"If Senator Penrose or any other person made such a statement to the editors of the newspaper or elsewhere it was an absolute lie, without the slightest foundation in fact or in truth, and was made to injure my candidacy for Mayor of Philadelphia at that time, and for no other purpose.

"If Senator Penrose did not give this false information to the North American it is up to him, as a candidate for the United States Senate, to so deny it that the public will be satisfied of its falsity.

"After adjournment Mr. Vare was asked if he would insist upon Mr. Penrose taking aggressive action against the editors of the North American, if he thought they should be brought into court. He refused to amplify what he had said on the floor. 'Just say that I have nothing to add to my statement in the House,' he answered.

"In spite of the Congressman's reticence, however, his manner of speech left little doubt that he is at the parting of the ways with Penrose unless the Senator takes a decided stand not only for his own vindication, but for the vindication of Mr. Vare as well."

### Hunters Get Three Bears

Three black bears and a number of pheasants were killed in the northern part of the State by a hunting party which has just returned to this city, consisting of J. L. Sheaffer, John G. Martin, Harry B. Shoop, Lockwood B. Worden and Saul Reed.

## 'HUSBAND A DEVIL AMONG THE GIRLS'

### Remark That Made Mrs. Carman, Accused of Killing Mrs. Bailey, Suspicious

### WOMEN CALLERS PERTURBED HER

### In Ordeal of Cross-Examination To-day Mrs. Carman Admitted Her Suspicious Were Aroused Through Hearing Many Remarks About Husband

Mineola, N. Y., Oct. 23.—Mrs. Florence Conklin Carman, on trial as the slayer of Mrs. Louise Bailey, smilingly stepped to the witness stand to-day for the ordeal of cross-examination by the District Attorney. She appeared refreshed and said she was ready to reply to all questions District Attorney Smith might ask her.

Dr. Edwin Carman, husband of the woman accused of murdering Mrs. Bailey, was called to the witness stand late this afternoon. He corroborated the testimony of other members of his household as to who was in the house the night of the murder. He said there were several persons, among them Mrs. Bailey, whom he did not know at that time, sitting in the waiting room.

"After I had talked to Mrs. Bailey," the witness continued, "she prepared to go home. Then the glass in the window was broken and a revolver fired through it. I had my hand on the door knob. I dropped behind the operating table. Then there was a shot. Mrs. Bailey said 'I'm shot.' I told her she was all right and then I saw blood. I grabbed her and pulled her back of the chair out of range of more bullets. Then she died."

Dr. Carman said Celia was in his office once that night but that Mrs. Carman was not.

### Saw Mrs. Bailey Night Before Murder

Dr. Carman said he looked at the witness when he grabbed Mrs. Bailey but saw nothing. He was sure the door between the pantry and the office was locked.

On cross-examination Dr. Smith asked whether it was true that he had more women patients than men. He denied this. He said he had been practicing for 25 years.

Dr. Carman denied he had ever told the grand jury he had his hand on Mrs. Bailey's shoulder.

Under cross-examination later Dr. Carman when asked if he had ever seen Mrs. Bailey before she called at his office on the night of the murder, testified "I think she was in my office the night before."

This was the first time Dr. Carman had indicated that he had seen Mrs. Bailey before the night of the murder.

### Testimony of Accused Woman

Mrs. Carman faced a crowded court room. Among 200 or more spectators who occupied every available bit of space were long-time friends and neighbors whose faces were wreathed with hopeful smiles as she began her story. Ranged directly opposite her chair, within the enclosure and less than a dozen steps away were the mother, the daughter and the husband of the woman whose life the State asserts she took. Before the defendant took the chair she crossed the floor to her mother, Mrs. Conklin, sitting at the counsel table, leaned over and kissed her.

### Was Suspicious of Husband

"Mrs. Carman," began the District Attorney, "you said you were suspicious of your husband. When did you get suspicious?"

"About a year ago."

"What caused your suspicion, she could not say. A woman did not cause it—'just rumors.'"

"Were the rumors about a woman?"

"No. Just some one asking him about his girls. Somebody told me he was a devil with the girls."

She could not recall who told her this, or where, or when. At Mr. Smith's bidding she named many men, friends of Dr. Carman, but could not name one of them as having said "how are all your girls."

### Called the Doctor a 'Devil'

"Somebody was asking him that question all the time," she said. "They were jesting, I thought at first, but after a while I thought, may be, there might be some truth in what they said. They would say to me 'the doctor is some devil.'"

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### SILK HATS ENTER CAMPAIGN

### Central Club Parade Too Early for Red Fire

High silk hats, silk-labeled overcoats and bamboo canes will get into the State campaign here for the first time to-night, when 150 members of the marching club of the Central Democratic Club will go, uniformly, to Reading to take part in a big rally there. The marchers will assemble at the club rooms at 5.30 o'clock and march down Market street to the Reading station at 5.50 o'clock, headed by the Commonwealth band.

The party will go to Reading in a special train and return about 1 o'clock to-morrow morning. The band will be resplendent in the new uniforms, which were used for the first time in the first men's parade. No red fire will mark the passage of the parade, as it will still be light when they embark and possibly spectators will be in bed when they return home.

## SAY SEIFERD SENT 'FORCE' MANY MILES

### Witnesses in Will Fight Tell More About Alleged Clairvoyant's Methods

### 'POWER' BALKED WITHOUT PAY

### Sister of the Late Mrs. Adams Testifies a Certain Hour Each Friday Was Set Aside to Transmit Treatment by Air Route

The proceedings in the will fight involving Harrison Seiferd, 1301 South Cameron street, this city, alleged clairvoyant and spiritualist, the man whose right to lay claim to the bulk of the \$12,000 estate left by Martha Adams, late of Peffer street, is being questioned by other heirs, was continued this morning before Roy C. Danner, Register of Wills. Witnesses for those attacking the validity of the Adams will testified that Seiferd represented he possessed superhuman powers by which he could treat his patients even though they were hundreds of miles from him.

Further than that Mrs. Rachel Cromleigh, testified that her sister, the late Mrs. Adams, believed Seiferd had such powers and that on occasions when Mrs. Adams went out of the city on a visit she governed her times for recreation so that they would not conflict with a certain hour on Fridays, the time she believed Seiferd was transmitting—presumably by wireless—the powers that aided her to be about in her weakened physical condition.

The hour in which Seiferd was supposed to be transmitting the "health restoring powers," Mrs. Cromleigh said, her sister would express a desire to be alone, saying that was one of the essential things for the success of the treatment. Mrs. Adams would then retire by herself to an unoccupied room and lock the door.

### Paid \$1 for Treatment

While on a visit to Atlantic City, Mrs. Cromleigh said, her sister frequently talked of making preparations for the "Seiferd treatment" and early in the week would send on the necessary \$1, the price of each "spell bind." She added that her sister frequently told her that if Seiferd did not get the \$1 in his pocket at that certain hour on Friday the treatment would be useless.

Seiferd to-day sat at the counsel table in Judge McCarrell's court room, just back of the Register, and spoke not a word. Yesterday he got into an argument with James G. Hartz, the attorney representing those contesting the will. Occasionally to-day, however, statements of the witnesses made him smile.

John K. Berger, a Chambersburg monument dealer, told the Register that Mrs. Adams for more than four years considered the question of marking the grave of her husband, the late William Adams, with a monument. Berger said he several times talked to her on the subject of a monument, on which occasions, he said, "she told me that she first would have to consult Seiferd."

"I did not know Seiferd until shortly after Mrs. Adams told me she intended getting monument prices from me, as well as a Harrisburg and a Steelton firm," continued Berger. "When I got the contract she told me that she knew long before that date that I would get it. When I questioned her about that she said Seiferd told her I would get the work."

### Mrs. Albright Saw 'Force Bags'

"After the monument had been erected I asked Mrs. Adams to accompany me to the cemetery to inspect it and Seiferd went along. He said he thought it was a splendid piece of work and then he remarked to Mrs. Adams: 'See, didn't I tell you, it would be like that?'"

"When Mrs. Adams came to pay me for the monument she said she could tell exactly what the stone cost me and what profit I made on it. She said she could easily find that out from Seiferd. She remarked that it took her a long

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### H. A. C. Pitcher Signs With Pirates

It is reported here this afternoon that Mark Adams, the young left-handed pitcher who made good with the champion Harrisburg Tri-State baseball team last summer, has signed a contract to play with the Pittsburgh National League team next season.

### Reported Death of Diaz Untrue

By Associated Press. Biarritz, France, Oct. 23, via Paris, Oct. 23.—There is no truth in the report of the death of Porfirio Diaz, former President of Mexico. Senor Diaz has been suffering from a slight gastro trouble but is better.

### Policeman Seymour Starts Work

George W. Seymour, appointed a policeman Monday in the place of Andrew Murphy, started work last night, taking his place at roll call at 6.30 o'clock.