

U. S. ORDERS PROBE FOR THE EVELYN

Secretary Daniels Wants Full Investi- gation in Sinking of American Steamer

SUNK BY MINE OFF GERMAN COAST

With Cargo of Cotton Bound for Bremen the Steamship Evelyn Met Disaster Off Borkum Island, in the North Sea—Crew 51 Rescued

Washington, Feb. 22.—Secretary Daniels to-day ordered Commander Walter B. Gherardi, American naval attaché at Berlin, to investigate and make a full report on the destruction of the American steamer Evelyn. So far official advices merely have reported the sinking of the vessel and her cargo but gave no details.

Secretary Daniels explained that his purpose in directing an inquiry after the State Department had called upon the Ambassadors at London and Berlin for a report was to secure technical information which, perhaps might not be included in the ambassadors' replies. It was, of course, understood that Commander Gherardi, as American attaché at the American embassy at Berlin, would be guided entirely by Ambassador Gerard in making his investigation.

Difficult to Get Information
It was said at the Navy Department that from present indications it will be difficult for the naval officer to secure exact information of what actually destroyed the Evelyn. Unless Captain Smith or some of the members of the crew of the steamer actually saw the conning tower or periscope of a submarine, officials say it would not be possible to deny that the Evelyn was sunk by a mine.

The fact that the Evelyn lies at the bottom of the North Sea would make it difficult to examine her hull. It was pointed out, however, that German officials might disclose to the American naval officer in confidence the map of their mine fields in the vicinity where the Evelyn was sunk.

The Minister from The Netherlands called at the State Department to inquire what reports this government had received about the Evelyn. He said he had no official report of the destruction of the vessel. After conferring with Counsellor Lansing he expressed the opinion that the sinking apparently must have been entirely accidental.

Sees No Complications
Chairman Stone, of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said he could see no complications arising from the destruction of the Evelyn.

"An American vessel," said the Senator, "ventured into an area known to be mined and unfortunately struck one. So far it is not known what nation laid the mine. It is probable that a national claim for damages might be made when all the facts are established, but I cannot see how serious complications could come from the incident."

Crew of Evelyn Vessel Saved

London, Feb. 22.—A dispatch from Berlin last night announced that the American steamship Evelyn, which left New York on January 29 with a cargo of cotton for Bremen, struck a mine off Borkum Island, in the North Sea at the mouth of the Ems river, and was sunk. Her captain and the crew of twenty-six men were saved.

The submarine ordered the Downshire to stop off the Isle of Man, but the little steamship tried to get away and did not leave until three shots had been fired at her. The crew of five men were taken aboard the submarine and detained for a while, but were subsequently released and landed in their small boat at Dunderum, on the coast of Ireland.

Men from the submarine boarded the steamer and put explosives amidships. They retired, and in a few minutes the explosion sent the vessel to the bottom.

The submarine which destroyed the Downshire is one of three that have been sighted recently in the Irish Sea. A large force of British destroyers is now combing these waters to rout out the enemy. Their presence is a constant menace to transatlantic steamships.

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LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

The German War Office announced to-day that the Russian tenth army was "considered as having been destroyed" as a result of the recent German victory in East Prussia. It is stated that more than 100,000 Russians, including seven generals, were captured, and that the pursuit of the retreating forces has now been brought to an end. The Russian military authorities, however, acknowledged no such losses. They admit that one army corps was cut to pieces, but assert that the main force extricated itself.

In the Vosges further German victories are claimed, including the capture of another town. The German War Office also states that losses of the allies in recent fighting in the campaign were "extraordinarily high." The French War Office announcement says that there have been no new developments of importance on the western front.

The naval attaché of the American embassy in Berlin has been instructed to investigate the sinking of the American steamer Evelyn by a mine in the North sea. It was felt at Washington, however, that no disturbing complications would result from the occurrence. The loss of almost an entire army corps in the recent retreat from East Prussia is admitted by the Russian general staff in its version of the German victory. Of this corps, it is said, only broken and disorganized portions escaped. The success of the Germans is attributed to the overwhelming number

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TAFT SOUNDS ALARM NOTE

Former President Says Nation Is Seriously Threatened as to Its Rights as a Neutral

Morristown, N. J., Feb. 22.—The United States is threatened with a serious invasion of its rights as a neutral by the warring nations of Europe and in proving its commerce with those nations is face to face with a crisis, in the opinion of former President William H. Taft. In the solution of that crisis, should it arise, no jingo spirit must be allowed to prevail, Mr. Taft advised; neither pride nor momentary passion should influence our judgment.

"And when the President shall act," Mr. Taft declared, "we must stand by him to the end. In this determination we may be sure that all will join, no matter what their previous views, no matter what their European origin. All will forget their differences in self-sacrificing loyalty to our common flag and our common country."

Mr. Taft's reference to the situation confronting the United States was made at the conclusion of an address delivered here to-day before the Washington Association of New Jersey.

FREIGHT STEAMER CUBA SUNK IN A NORTH SEA COLLISION

London, Feb. 22, 2.45 P. M.—The Norwegian freight steamer Cuba, bound from London to Rotterdam, was sunk to-day in a collision in the North Sea. So far as is known, no lives were lost.

The Cuba carried an official mail bag of the American commission for the relief of Belgium.

GREY REPUDIATES STORY THAT ENGLISH WILL SINK U. S. SHIP

Washington, Feb. 22.—Sir Edward Grey has sent to the State Department through the British embassy here a statement characterizing as falsehood a recent statement from Berlin attributing to the British the intention to destroy an American ship in the naval zone and charge it to a German submarine with the expectation of precipitating a crisis between the United States and Germany.

The Berlin statement received in the United States by wireless was cabled to London by the British embassy.

BERNHARDT'S LEG NOW OFF

Famous Actress Refuses to Have the Amputation Delayed and It Is Performed To-day

Bordeaux, Feb. 22, Via Paris, 11.55 A. M.—The right leg of Madame Sarah Bernhardt, the famous tragedienne, was amputated to-day at the St. Augustine hospital, at Arcachon. The operation, made necessary by an affection of the knee, which had caused much suffering for several years, was performed by Prof. De Luce, of the Bordeaux University.

Professor Pozzi was to have conducted the operation yesterday, but he was called to the colors to serve at the Val-De-Grace hospital, in Paris, and he found it impossible to leave his duties for several days. Madame Bernhardt refused to submit to a delay of what she courageously called her release from bondage and it was decided that Prof. De Luce should perform the operation to-day.

A bulletin issued immediately after the amputation of Madame Bernhardt's leg said:

"The operation was decided upon at a consultation on February 13 of Professors Pozzi, of Paris, and Denuce and Arnozan, of Bordeaux. It took place on Monday morning and was endured under the best conditions. The condition of Mme. Bernhardt after the operation also was as good as possible. Signed, Denuce."

RUSSIAN LOSS IN PRUSSIA 100,000

Awful Sweep Made by Germans in the Mazurian Lake District Campaign

SEVEN GENERALS WERE CAPTURED

Upwards of 150 Cannon and Other War Material Among Booty Taken by the Kaiser's Troops in Clearing Out Russians

Berlin, Feb. 22, via London, 3.30 P. M.—The German official statement issued to-day announces that the captures in the battle of the Mazurian Lake district of East Prussia have been increased to seven generals and more than 100,000 men. The pieces of cannon taken numbered 150. The text of the statement reads:

"In the western theatre: Another hostile trench was taken by us yesterday to the east of Ypres (in Belgium). The enemy's counter attacks on the captured positions remained unsuccessful.

"In the Champagne district there was comparative quiet yesterday. The number of prisoners taken by us during the last battles in this region has been increased to fifteen officers and more than 1,000 men. The sanguinary losses of the enemy have been extraordinarily high.

"The enemy made an unsuccessful attack on our positions to the east of Verdun during the night.

"In the Vosges the villages of Hochrad and Stossweiler were taken by us after a short engagement. Otherwise nothing of importance occurred.

Mazurian Campaign Closes
"In the eastern theatre: The pursuit after the winter battle in the Mazurian district has come to an end. During the clearing up of operations to the northeast of Grodno and in the battles reported during the last few days in the Hober and Nawew districts, one commanding general and four other generals and approximately 40,000 men have been taken prisoner up to the present. Seventy-five cannons and some machine guns, the actual number of which has not yet been ascertained, and much other war material has been captured.

The total booty taken in the winter battle in the Mazurian district as a result of these additions has been increased to date to seven generals, more than 100,000 men, upwards of 150 cannon and quantities of other material of all descriptions, the amount of which cannot yet be approximately estimated.

Tenth Russian Army Destroyed

Cannon of a heavy calibre and ammunition captured by the enemy were sunk in the lakes near Loetzen and in the Wildauer sea. Eight cannons of heavy calibre were dug up or pulled out of the water yesterday.

The tenth Russian army, under General Baron Sievers, is considered as having been destroyed.

"New battles appear to be developed at Grodno and to the north of Seichewals. It is reported that the battles to the northwest of Ossowetz as well as those at Przasnysz, are taking their regular course. There is no news from Poland to the south of the Vistula river."

Swiss Soldiers Bring Down Airship

Berne, via Paris, Feb. 22, 4.45 A. M.—Swiss soldiers opened fire yesterday on an aeroplane, said to have been German, which flew over Bonaf. The machine was struck by nine bullets and the pilot was forced to descend at Rechesy after hovering over the positions at Rechesy.

NO ACTION ON LIQUOR LICENSES

The Dauphin county court took no action to-day on the 172 liquor license applications which are pending. If, as in the past, all licenses to which no remonstrances have been filed are to be allowed another year, it is believed that an order to that effect will be made by the Judges to-morrow.

The procedure in the liquor license court was a trifle different this year from that of other years, and it is said, this was due to the belief that the cases could be disposed of more expeditiously by first hearing those in which remonstrances had been filed. All but one of the cases, that of William H. Bowman, for the St. Lawrence hotel, Berrysburg, which will be ended next Monday, now have been heard.

At the suggestion of the members of the bar, the Judges adjourned court for the day at noon, this being Washington's Birthday anniversary and a national holiday.

STOUGH GETS \$4,789.33

Campaign at Altoona Closes With Total of 6,775 Converts
Altoona, Feb. 22.—The Stough campaign closed its seven weeks in this city to-day, with a total of 6,775 converts. The number does not quite come up to the 7,000 of the Harrisburg campaign, the biggest ingathering Dr. Stough has had since he entered the evangelistic field with his own party.

The thank offering for the Stough party taken at the tabernacle services yesterday amounted to \$4,789.33, which is not far from the \$5,600 of the Harrisburg campaign.

The Stough party opens a campaign at Lancaster next month.



WHAT A PITY YE DINNA HAVE ANDY CARNEGIE T' ADVISE YE.

HAS MESSAGE WASHINGTON SENT TO CONGRESS IN 1790

Mrs. Rebecca Hogan in Possession of Document in Handwriting of First President in Which He Urges Nation to Be Prepared for War

One of the most interesting personal relics of George Washington owned in Harrisburg is in possession of Mrs. Rebecca Hogan, of No. 215 Peffer street, widow of the late Richard Hogan, long prominent in Harrisburg affairs. Mrs. Hogan, who was a Miss Hynicka before her marriage, is a granddaughter of Melchior Rahm, her father having been Christopher Hynicka. She was born in the house No. 12 Market Square.

Melchior Rahm was a man of affairs in Dauphin county. From 1803 to 1806 he was Sheriff and from 1806 to 1812 he represented Dauphin county in the State Senate, the Legislature then meeting in Lancaster. When Mr. Rahm died there was found among his effects the manuscript copy of one of President George Washington's messages to Congress, dated June 8, 1790, the entire document being in Washington's handwriting and the signature standing out boldly.

Mrs. Hogan's mother fell heir to the document and in turn gave it to her daughter who has kept it many years, carefully framed and wrapped up. It is well preserved, the ink having faded.

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KILLED AS AUTO UPSETS

Russel Donley Victim of Accident Near Williamstown in Which Three Others Are Hurt

(Special to the Star-Independent.)
Williamstown, Pa., Feb. 22.—Russell Donley, 21 years old, was killed and three other men slightly injured late yesterday afternoon when an automobile in which they were riding upset on a mountain road about half a mile from this place.

The occupants of the machine including Russell Donley, his brother, John Donley, William Shuttelworth, Harper Machamer and Lick Garver, had left about noon for Branchdale, where they visited friends. Returning late in the afternoon, their route led over a mountain road. Before the accident Garver left the party and went to his home.

John Donley, who was driving the car, then drove down a steep incline with his three companions. It is believed a defective wheel caused the car to upset. Russell Donley was thrown over the wind shield, his head striking on a rock. John Donley was held in the machine by the steering wheel, but he received bruises about the body. Machamer and Shuttelworth received slight scratches on the arms and legs.

Russel Donley was brought to his home here by Dr. H. A. Shaefter, but died within a few feet of the house. He was well known in this vicinity, being the son of Cyrus Donley. Surviving him are his parents, one brother and three sisters.

PAUSE TO HONOR GEO. WASHINGTON

Political Job Holders and the 10,000 School Children Have a Day of Rest

FIREMEN WILL DINE TO-NIGHT

Washington Hose Company, No. 4, Will Celebrate Holiday With Banquet, at Which City Officials Will Speak—Shorter Hours at Postoffice

Federal, State, county and city officials and employes, bank workers and the ten thousand odd school children in this city to-day celebrated the one hundred and eighty-third anniversary of the birth of George Washington by taking a "day off." Many women's organization marked the day by holding Martha Washington teas. The men of two churches will meet this evening to hear lectures on the life of the "Father of His Country," and Washington Hose Company No. 4 will hold its annual banquet.

Much business that could be transacted without the aid of the banks for the day went on as usual, but official life was made domestic life as few of the political job-holders work on a legal holiday. Capitol Hill was not overcrowded with workers, and most of the offices in the Court House were closed. The school children who suffered because the holiday fell on Sunday last year, doubly celebrated it to-day. The "day off" started the annual spring game of "hold-up." The fine weather

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ROTARIANS AT PHILADELPHIA

Governor Brumbaugh Will Speak at Banquet To-morrow Night

More than a score of members of the Harrisburg Rotary Club will be present at the tenth annual convolve of the eastern division of the International Association of Rotary Clubs at Philadelphia to-morrow when a thousand men will gather for business and social purposes. Secretary Howard Fry, of the local club left this afternoon for Philadelphia. President William S. Essick will speak at one of the sessions on the topic, "The Ideas of Rotary."

At a banquet to-morrow evening, addresses will be made by Governor Brumbaugh, Glenn C. Meade, ex-president of the International Association and others. Among the officers present will be Frank Mulholland, of Toledo, international president, who addressed the local club about a month ago.

100 SHOOTING FOR STATE LIVE BIRD CHAMPIONSHIP

"Chief" Bender Among Those Striving To-day to Wrest Title From Fred W. Dinger, of This City—600 at the Division Street Grounds

Fred W. Dinger, of Harrisburg, present holder of the State live bird championship, defended his title against a field of experts in the annual State shoot held to-day on the grounds of the Harrisburg Sportsman's Association, at Fourth and Division streets. The shoot drew spectators from all parts of the State and more than 600 watched the day's sport.

Among the contestants were "Chief" Albert Bender, former Philadelphia Athletic pitcher; "Izzy" Hoffman, manager of last year's Reading Tri-State baseball team; Lee and Frank Wertz and Edward H. Adams, of Reading. All are expert shots and former State champions.

The entry list was near the century mark and it will not be known until late to-day who comes out on top. Shooting began at 10 o'clock this morning.

If arrangements can be effected, the Williamsport diamond trophy will be awarded to to-day's winner. This prize has not been placed in competition for two years. The events were twenty birds each, for which each entrant paid \$12.

DON'T HAVE TO ASK VOTERS

School Board Can Borrow For New Building Without Getting the Consent of the Electors

The Harrisburg School Board will not be compelled to go before the voters to legalize a loan to building the proposed twelve-room school house at Fifth and Mahantongo streets, a resolution providing for which was passed by the board Friday night.

An increased assessed valuation together with the elimination of former bond issues by the sinking fund increases the borrowing capacity and makes this possible, according to a statement made by an official of the School Board to-day. A school board may borrow to within two per cent. of the assessed valuation of the district without being compelled to ask the consent of the electors. There is now a material difference between the present indebtedness of the district and the outside limit of its borrowing capacity.

A special meeting of the finance committee of the board will be held on Thursday night, to which all of the members will be invited. It is likely that definite decision to issue bonds to cover the cost of the new building will be taken at that meeting.

This will be purely a committee action as the board may not legally issue bonds under the school code except at the time of making the annual tax, which is in April. The exact figures the board is working on now will not be made public until after Thursday's meeting of the finance committee.

BIG BATTLE WITH BAND OF INDIANS

Redskins and Whites Both Being Reinforced and Another Big Fight is Imminent

THREE DEAD IN FIRST ENCOUNTER

An Indian Maiden Loses Her Life as She Runs Into the Line of Battle—The Fight Started Early Yesterday Morning

By Associated Press.

Denver, Col., Feb. 22.—After a battle throughout the night near Bluff, Utah, between a band of 52 Piute Indians and a posse of 26 white men, led by United States Marshal Aquila Nebeker, bands of citizens from various towns in Utah were preparing to-day to go to the assistance of the whites. The Indians also have been reinforced.

Two Indians and one white man have been killed, two Indians and a white man wounded and two Indians captured. One of those killed was an Indian maiden who was said to have run into the line of battle. The fight started early Sunday morning, when the whites, after several days' journey by wagon, arrived at the camp of Tse-Ne-Gat, a Piute Indian leader, whose arrest on a charge of murder was sought.

Indians Open Fire First

From Grayson, Utah, the following report of the battle was received last night from Marshal Nebeker:

"A posse of 26 men, led by Sheriff of Dolores county, Ex-Sheriff Jingles of Montezuma county, Col., and Sheriff Pepperson of San Juan county, Utah, left here last night to surprise and capture the Indians. At break of day this morning the posse surrounded the camp in which the Indians wanted were located. The Indians seemed to be expecting the arrival of the posse and opened fire. J. C. Akin, of Dolores, Col., was killed in the beginning of the fight. An Indian called Jack's Brother was killed and an Indian girl who ran between the posse and the Indians was killed.

Two Indians Captured

"The posse captured Indians named Howen and Jack. Both Indians are choice warriors and it is expected other Indians will try to recapture them. A band of Indians known as Posey's band came to the relief of Polk's band from the south. Posey's band wounded Joseph E. Conroy, of Cortez, one of our men, who was placed on guard the southern approach. A posse of 15, all this town could arm, has been sent from here to assist the posse at Bluff. A posse of 29 is on the road from Monticello, Utah, to assist those at Bluff. Communication between here and Bluff has been broken all day and has just been restored. The fighting continues fiercely."

An Uncontrollable Tribe

Tse-Ne-Gat, who is also known as Everett Hatch, is charged with the murder last March of Juan Chion, a sheep herder, in Montezuma county, Col. After his arrest the Indian escaped to Utah, where his father, "Old Polk," is said to have counseled resistance. The band of which Tse-Ne-Gat is the leader is known as an uncontrollable tribe, which has on many occasions given settlers of southeastern Utah much trouble.

MRS. STROCK FOUND DEAD

Wife of the Clerk to the County Commissioners Is Victim of Heart Attack

Mrs. Sarah E. Strook, wife of J. H. Strook, one of the clerks in the office of the Dauphin County Commissioners, died at her home, 96 North Eighteenth street, at 11 o'clock last night, after a long illness from neuralgia of the heart. Mrs. Strook and her daughter, Catherine, retired about 10 o'clock and two hours later the daughter discovered that her mother was dead. It was evident she had been dead for about an hour.

Mrs. Strook was a daughter of the late William and Catherine Yeager, of Linglestown. She was married to Mr. Strook on October 4, 1870. Since 1898, the Strooks have lived in Harrisburg. Besides her husband, Mrs. Strook left four children, as follows: Catherine Savilla, at home; Mrs. Anna L. Hocker Penbrook; Mrs. Margaret E. Baer, this city, and the Rev. Harry B. Strook, Pittsburg.

Six sisters also are among her survivors as follows: Mrs. Mary E. Noecker, Linglestown; Mrs. Morris Tobias, Mrs. Jacob E. Berkheimer and Mrs. William Look, all of Oberlin; Mrs. Edward A. Lingle, Enhaut, and Mrs. Lillie Tanner, of Kansas. Private funeral services will be held at the late home on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, to be conducted by the Rev. Dr. Thomas Reisch, pastor of Christ Lutheran church. Interment will be in East Harrisburg cemetery.

MERCHANT DIES IN HOSPITAL

Ralph Blum Was a Member of State Board of Charities

Philadelphia, Feb. 22.—Ralph Blum, a widely known merchant and a member of the State Board of Charities, died in a hospital at Atlantic City last night from an attack of heart trouble. Mr. Blum was the founder of the firm of Blum Brothers, which conducted a large department store. After the firm liquidated he opened a store of his own. He was 53 years old and was widely known in charitable and political circles.