



WORD FROM MR. LARABEE IS RECEIVED

Urumiah Horrors Described in Cable Message by Son-in-Law of S. W. Fleming

WAY FORCED INTO AMERICAN MISSION

Relatives Here Still Believe That the Larabees Are Safe in Tabriz and That the Information the Missionary Sent Reached Him at That Place

New York, March 26.—All the men at Julphashan, a large village near Urumiah, Persia, have been shot by Kurds, the women violated, and American missionaries beaten and sixty-five refugees taken from the French and American missions have been hanged on gibbets erected in the mission yards, according to a cablegram received here to-day by the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions.

The missionary referred to as having been beaten, is E. T. Allen, who was born in London, Ontario, and became a naturalized American. Mr. Allen has been in the service of the board since 1891. He was sent for the second time to Persia in 1911.

Six thousand dollars for relief at Urumiah was cabled to-day by the American consul at Tabriz by the Persian war relief committee.

The first information since January concerning the Rev. Robert M. Larabee, one of the American missionaries to Persia, known in Harrisburg through having married Miss Mary Fleming, daughter of Assistant Postmaster and Mrs. Samuel P. Fleming, of this city, was conveyed in a dispatch received here to-day through the Associated Press. Mr. Larabee, with his family, had been stationed at Urumiah, Persia, the center of the present Turkish massacres, but recently went to Tabriz, some distance away. Although the dispatch refers to him as being in Urumiah, Mr. Fleming continues to-day to adhere to the belief that the Larabees still are safe in Tabriz.

The cable message received to-day is from Tiflis, Russia, and dated "Thursday, March 25, 3 P. M.," via Petrograd, March 26, 10 a. m., and says:

Turkish troops have committed further acts of violence at the American mission in Urumiah, Persia, according to a message received by the local viceroy from Gordon Paddock, the American consul at Tabriz.

"Mr. Paddock transmits a message from Missionary Robert M. Larabee, at Urumiah, to the effect that the Turkish consul at Urumiah forced his way into the mission compound with a number of Turkish regular troops and removed some Assyrian Christian refugees who were then massacred."

"The Turks also beat and insulted the American missionaries."

Mr. Fleming Not Alarmed

Mr. Fleming, when shown the dispatch, was inclined to doubt that Mr. Larabee is in Urumiah. He thinks that while in Tabriz Mr. Larabee received information regarding the Turkish atrocities from the Rev. Dr. F. S. Coan, the head of the Urumiah mission; Dr. H. P. Packard, the medical doctor at the mission; the Rev. Mr. Allen and the Rev. Dr. McDowell, also stationed at the mission, and transmitted it to the American consul in Tabriz who in turn sent it to the local viceroy at Tiflis.

Mr. Fleming said that of course it is possible that Mr. Larabee has recently gone back to Urumiah, where the disturbances are occurring, but he thinks it hardly likely as the four above mentioned Americans could direct the affairs of the mission.

Tabriz is a hundred miles east of Urumiah, and Mr. Fleming believes the information was sent to Mr. Larabee in Tabriz, who at once gave it to Consul Paddock for transmission to Tiflis. Tabriz is protected by a strong force of Russian soldiers.

Mr. Larabee has been a missionary in the Persian field for the last thirteen years during most of which time Mrs. Larabee has been with him. He spent the first ten years in Urumiah, returning home for his vacation, and then went back to Tabriz, where he and his family—his wife and three children, Robert, Benjamin and Elizabeth—have been for two years.

His Brother Killed By Kurds

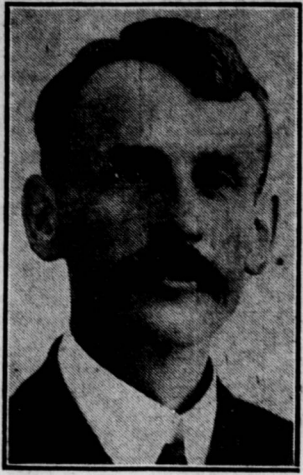
Mr. Larabee was formerly pastor of the Presbyterian church in Doylestown, Pa., but left there to become a missionary. His father was a missionary at Urumiah, Persia, but died in mid-October while on his return home.

Ten years ago a brother of Mr. Larabee was killed by Kurds.

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Judge McCarrell Ill

Juvenile court was postponed until Monday on account of the slight illness to-day of Additional Law Judge McCarrell. He is suffering from a slight cold and remained indoors to-day on advice of his physician.



THE REV. ROBERT M. LARABEE
Son-in-law of Samuel W. Fleming, of Harrisburg, Is Reported by Cable To-day to Be in Zone of Turkish Massacres

RETURNS TO WIFE RATHER THAN GO TO PRISON CELL

Youth, Whom Court Directed to Make Choice, Announces He Is Ready to Resume Housekeeping and That the Furniture Is Bought

Wilson Potteiger, a farm-bred youth, now under suspended sentence on a criminal charge, to whom in January Judge Kunkel gave the choice of going to jail or returning to his young wife, whom he deserted a fortnight after the wedding day, told the Judge in court to-day that he has made preparations to go to housekeeping again with his wife on next Monday.

In view of Potteiger's decision and since the youthful defendant has paid his wife all the back money due her under a court maintenance order, the Judge again suspended sentence, this time directing Potteiger to report at the June quarter sessions.

A house had been rented, a part of the furniture bought, the couple have settled all differences and, Potteiger said, he and his wife will buy the rest of their furniture to-morrow. Monday will be his moving day.

Jacob Judy, a Reftalton man, under suspended sentence on a charge of assaulting Philip Muto, of Londonderry township, barely escaped going to jail this morning because he has not paid the costs of the case—\$62. Muto has paid the \$58 costs of a cross suit. In addition, he has paid an \$80 verdict which Judy obtained against him in a civil action.

Judy complained to the court that he is unable to pay the costs and Judge Kunkel remarked:

"Well, I guess there is nothing for us to do but to impose sentence."

Later, however, the court consented to give Judy until June to pay up.

Several dozen defendants in criminal cases, who got off with suspended sentences, reported to the court this morning. Some were finally discharged, while in other cases the parole order was continued.

IS BLINDED BY STEEL CHIP

Operation Necessary to Remove Object Which Pierced Eyeball of Pennsy Workman

Sidney Snyder, 426 Harris street, a laborer in the machine shops of the Pennsylvania railroad at Enola, was blinded in the left eye yesterday afternoon when a chip of steel he was working on pierced his eyeball and lodged in the bone surrounding the eyeball.

The chip measured one and one-quarter inches long and five-eighths of an inch in width. It was the largest piece of steel ever removed from an eye at the Harrisburg hospital. Efforts to remove it with a magnet were not successful and an X-ray examination was taken. This examination showed the great size of the chip and an operation was deemed necessary.

Specialist removed it early last evening. The eyeball was lacerated so badly that sight was destroyed and the eye was removed. While Snyder suffered somewhat from shock his condition was much improved this morning.

GOVERNOR NAMES A DEMOCRAT

Picks Allen S. Morgan For Philadelphia Registration Commission

Governor Brumbaugh to-day announced the appointment of Allen S. Morgan to be a member of the Philadelphia Board of Registration Commissioners, to succeed William H. Shoemaker, elevated to the bench.

Mr. Morgan is a Democrat, and succeeds a Democrat, but has not been identified with either of the Democratic factions. The Democratic City Committee selected three names from which they asked the Governor to make a selection, and the Reorganizers submitted two names. The Governor, however, decided he would not recognize either faction but took a man who has not been active in any of the party disputes. The law requires that this place must be filled by a Democrat.

Morgans Reach London Safely

London, March 26, 3.16 P. M.—J. P. Morgan and Mrs. Morgan and the other passengers of the American line steamship Philadelphia, which sailed from New York, March 18, for Liverpool, reached London to-day.

INVESTIGATE POLL TAX ASSESSMENTS

County Commissioners Want to Know About 1,750 Uncollectable Charges

ALL OF THEM IN ONE WARD

Fewer Than 100 of 1,400 of These Charges That Have Been Examined Are Opposite the Names of Actually Registered Voters

The County Commissioners announced to-day that they have started an inquiry to learn whether the poll tax assessment list in one of the wards of the city has been padded. They decline to say which ward they refer to.

The decision to make an investigation was reached after the tax collector for that ward submitted a request for exoneration from the collection of 1,750 individual poll tax charges which appear on the assessor's list. The County Commissioners have examined 1,400 of these names and say that fewer than 100 of them have been found to be the names of registered voters.

Assessors are paid at the rate of \$2.50 a day and the placing on the books of the names of forty persons, under the plan that has been established by precedent, has been regarded as constituting a day's work for the assessor. For the 1,750 names of supposed electors, whose tax, the collector reports, is uncollectable and for which he asks to be exonerated, the ward assessor was paid \$108.38, according to the Commissioners. The Commissioners said the suggestion that some 1,300 or 1,400 electors in one ward did not get registered and vote appears, on its face, to be ridiculous.

The names of a few more than fifty registered electors are contained in the list of 1,400 names examined by the Commissioners and the County Controller, and the tax collector will be asked to make a further effort to get the tax from those individuals. In the remainder, 1,300 or more cases the electors' names do not appear in the registration books of that particular ward.

WINTER RETURNS FOR FLING

Weather Bureau Forecasts 25 Degrees for To-night

Just after the blue birds, robins and blackbirds got firmly established winter comes back for another fling, its coming being forecasted by Observer Dorman in no uncertain terms. He fixes to-night's minimum temperature at about 25 degrees. Saturday will be fair and continued cold.

The minimum of last night was forty degrees. The big drop in temperature is brought about by the eastward movement of a high pressure area which was central this morning in South Dakota and influenced the weather in the plain states, the central valleys and western lake region. A temperature of two degrees below zero was registered in Sheridan, Wyoming, this morning.

TELLS WILSON HE'S KIDDIN'

Tumulty's Daughter Doesn't Believe President Is Telephoning

Washington, March 26.—Miss Mary Tumulty, eldest daughter of the President's secretary, was 13 years old Wednesday. Wednesday night the Tumulty telephone rang and Miss Mary was called. When she said "Hello," a voice on the other end of the wire replied: "This is President Wilson. I want to congratulate you on your birthday."

"You kid!" said Miss Mary. "You can't fool me."

"Why, that is the President," the voice replied. "I trust you do not object to me calling you on the phone. I merely wanted to congratulate you."

Mr. Tumulty appeared and immediately assured his daughter she was talking with the President of the United States, and then Miss Mary dropped the receiver, trembling.

WHEAT FLOUR EXPORTS HEAVY

Increase of Five Million Dollars Last Month Over February, 1914

Washington, March 26.—War's continued demand on American granaries was shown to-day in a commerce department report of a single sale of flour to continental Europe which required 12,000 bushels of wheat for its production and two steamers to transport it from New York. Its value was \$750,000 and it was milled by a middle western company. The buyers paid for the shipment at seaboard and assumed all transport risks.

Wheat flour exports increased from \$2,603,282 in February, 1914, to \$3,962,160 last month.

DENIES BIGELOW RESIGNED

Governor Says Highway Commissioner Is Ill at Home in Pittsburgh

Governor Brumbaugh was asked this morning concerning the story that the resignation of State Highway Commissioner Bigelow had been placed in his hands. He said there is no foundation whatever for the rumor.

"Commissioner Bigelow is ill at his home in Pittsburgh," said the Governor, "and I have heard nothing whatever from him."

CONDUCTOR KILLED BY A TRAIN IN STEELTON

William L. Newcomer, of This City, Long An Employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad, Is Run Down By Fast Passenger Engine

William L. Newcomer, a freight conductor on the Philadelphia division of the Pennsylvania railroad met instant death near DF tower, at Frantz's bridge, in Steelton, this morning when he was struck by passenger train No. 1033, going west. His body, which was dragged about 300 feet and badly mangled, was removed to an undertaker's establishment in Harrisburg after Coroner Eckinger investigated the accident.

Newcomer was making up his train in the Steelton yards prior to taking it to Harrisburg. He started up the west-bound passenger track, supposedly to signal the engineer to cut one more car off the train, when the fast line train came along and hit before he had time to get out of harm's way.

At the place where the conductor was killed the tracks are in straight lines and none of the local railroad employees can understand why Newcomer should have used the passenger tracks to walk on when he could have signaled the engineer from the north side of the tracks just as well and would not have been exposed to danger.

Newcomer was an old employee of the Pennsylvania railroad and had been conductor for many years. He was 57 years old and with his family resided at 1718 North Fifth street, Harrisburg. He is survived by his widow, Ida; one son, William E.; the following sisters, Mrs. Stephen Dillaly, Newark, N. J.; Mrs. John Love, Woodbridge, N. J.; Mrs. Susan Hightshue, Columbia, and the following brothers, George, Columbia, and John, Brooklyn, N. Y.

IS IN DANGER OF EXECUTION

Former American Midshipman Charged With Having Large Sums of Spurious Villa Money

By Associated Press.

El Paso, Tex., March 26.—Arrivals from Torreon to-day reported that Minor Merriweather, an American and former midshipman at the Annapolis Naval Academy, who is held in the Saltillo, Coahuila, penitentiary, on charges of having in his possession large sums of spurious Villa money, is in danger of being executed by the Mexican authorities.

Certain Mexican officials were to-day quoted as having declared that if Merriweather is found guilty of the charges before the Mexican courts, the death penalty will be imposed.

The American State Department has again wired Special Agent George C. Carothers, who is in Monterey, to do what he can to assist the American.

GETS ORDER FOR 1,400 TONS OF STEEL

The receipt of an order for 1,400 tons of structural steel for the Remington Arms Company, of Bridgeport, Conn., was announced at the Steelton office of the Pennsylvania Steel Company last evening. This material will be used by the Connecticut firm in the extension of its large plant to keep pace with its increased business caused by the European war.

AGREES TO MAKE SALE IN 'HARDSCRABBLE' ARGUMENT

Major Ensminger Puts Value of His Property at a Figure Which Makes Dinger Think It Is a "Good Buy" and the Transaction Is Arranged

Testifying before the board of three viewers, whom the court designated to fix the damages and benefits incident to opening North Front street and the wiping out of "Hardscrabble" homes, Major John T. Ensminger this morning declared that his land on the east side of the street, immediately opposite "Hardscrabble" will not be enhanced in value by the proposed improvement. It now is worth \$100 a foot front, he said, and it will not sell for more than that, he added, when the properties on the west side of the street are razed.

"Will you sell for that?" interjected Fred W. Dinger, a "Hardscrabble" property owner, who will be affected by the improvement and who proposes to testify before the viewers.

"No. But I'll sell for \$150 a foot front," quickly returned the major. "I'll take you up," said Dinger.

As the hearing progressed, Dinger had his counsel, B. Frank Nead, prepare an agreement and when the major left the witness stand Dinger sought the major's signature.

"Come down to my office," said the major, "and I'll sell."

Dinger said he will close the deal this evening if the Major still is willing to sell. This incident enlivened the viewers' hearing, which was attended by a large delegation of "Hardscrabble" property owners. Witnesses this morning included Harry Kell, Michael Smith, Elmer Flowers and Major Ensminger. They placed the value of the "Hardscrabble" property—that on the west side of the street—at anywhere from \$100 to \$225 a foot front.

Besides those who testified, "Hardscrabble" was represented by the following: "Mayor" Harry J. Berrier, John Yings, Charles Fisher, Fred W. Dinger, Harry Sourbier, Wesley Stoeck, Mrs. Mary Kell, George W. Spangler, Annie L. Sourbier, William Jennings and Harris Cohen.

The viewers will meet again within the next week. They will not make a decision for several months.

VON BUELOW QUILTS POST AS MEDIATOR

His Efforts to Arrange An Agreement Between Italy and Austria Have Failed

LATTER'S FINAL TERMS REJECTED

German Ambassador Says They Were of Such a Nature That He Did Not Consider It Worth While to Submit Them in Rome

Rome, via Paris, March 26, 5 A. M. Efforts of Prince Von Buelow, the German Ambassador, to bring about an agreement between the Italian and Austrian governments regarding the cession of territory, have definitely failed, according to the "Agenzia Nazionale," which says it is informed that when the last courier from Vienna brought to the Ambassador Austria's final terms they were of such a nature that he did not consider it worth while to submit them to the foreign office here. It is reported that Prince Von Buelow has resigned the role of mediator.

Rome, March 25, 8.05 P. M., via Paris, March 26, 5.15 A. M.—Commenting upon replies received from distinguished Englishmen regarding their views upon Anglo-Italian friendship, the "Giornale D'Italia" declares the cordial relations between Great Britain and Italy, while based in part upon sentiment are founded chiefly upon political considerations. The paper says that since Italy is essentially a seafaring nation, she cannot ignore the special maritime position of England and its adds:

"England, in her turn, having so many interests in the Mediterranean, has felt and we hope continues to feel the convenience of not having as a hostile power a nation so distinctly Mediterranean as Italy."

The "Giornale D'Italia" recalls that for many years Italy's traditional friendship with England, existed jointly with the former's alliance with Germany and Austria. Then the difficulties arose to prevent remaining in the triple alliance and still preserving cordial relations with Great Britain. This, the paper asserts, was one of the chief reasons why Italy maintained her neutrality in the war.

VON DER GOLTZ QUILTS CONSTANTINOPLE

London, March 26, 12.12 P. M.—The Exchange Telegraph Company has received a dispatch from Athens saying that Field Marshal Van der Goltz, who has been in Constantinople for some months past representing German military interests, has left the Turkish capital for Sofia, Bulgaria. At the same time, General Liman von Sanders, the commander of the Turkish forces in Europe, has left Constantinople for Adrianople.

Field Marshal Von der Goltz was the first military governor of Belgium. He was sent to Constantinople from Belgium the latter part of 1914 to advise in the matter of the conduct of the Turkish campaign General Von Sanders has been identified with the Turkish army for several years.

The departure of these two officers from Constantinople, one for Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria, and the other for Adrianople, the second most important city in European Turkey and not far from the Bulgarian frontier, indicates some sudden development in the Balkan situation which is causing Turkey concern.

A dispatch under date of March 24, from Athens, said the Turks were fortifying Lalacpaz, forty-five miles south-east of Adrianople, and other places in the fear of a possible attack by Bulgaria. A Turkish army at Lule Burgas is being trained by German officers.

WATER CO. MEN SUED ON NOTE

Ramp Speks to Recover \$5,000 From Richwine, Disbrow, Deeter and Boll

A. Grant Richwine, Charles A. Disbrow, J. N. Deeter and Charles S. Boll are mentioned to-day as defendants in a civil action begun by Kimber C. Raup to recover \$5,000, the amount of a note. Interest is demanded at the rate of 5 per cent, to date from October 1, 1914.

The defendants are mentioned as officers of the Jersey Shore Water Company, which is a party defendant. The Sheriff has served notice of the suit on all of the defendants.

AFTER BACK SCHOOL TAXES

Treasurer Copepin Will Adopt Radical Methods of Collecting

The list of those Harrisburg property owners who have not yet paid their 1914 school tax is being compiled by City Treasurer Copepin's corps of clerks and all claims not settled by April 1 will be "sued out" and the properties sold. The Treasurer announced that there are several hundred of such cases.

About a thousand electors have failed to pay their personal school tax and these accounts are to be placed in the hands of an alderman on April 1, the treasurer said.

2 KILLED, 2 INJURED IN AUTO WRECK AT CARLISLE

A. L. Thompson and C. D. Bixler Die Instantly After Former Loses Control of Car Which Crashes Against a Telegraph Pole

(Special to the Star-Independent.)
Carlisle, Pa., March 26.—Two men were instantly killed, another seriously injured and a fourth badly bruised last evening when an automobile in which they were riding struck a telegraph pole and upset in the Bonnybrook road near Rudy's woods, about one mile from this city. The four men were returning to their homes here from Mt. Holly Springs where they had been on a business trip.

The dead are A. L. Thompson, a coal merchant, who is survived by one son and one daughter; and C. D. Bixler, an auctioneer, survived by a widow and two children.

R. L. Early, a retired hotel man, suffered a fractured skull and other injuries, but may recover. Kramer Adams suffered painful bruises.

Adams, who was the least hurt in the crash, said that Thompson, the driver and owner of the machine, placed his foot on the accelerator in error for the brakes which gave the auto a sudden jump forward. This happened when the machine was going down a steep hill close to the trolley tracks and in a deep cut. When the machine plunged forward it ran along a ditch for about ten feet, inclined at an angle of 45 degrees. Then crashed against the pole. The pole was broken in two and the car upset. The car was going about 40 miles an hour when the accident occurred.

Part of the steering wheel, pierced the heart of Thompson, who died instantly. Bixler, who was on the front seat with Thompson, was thrown out, his head striking the telegraph pole and his neck was broken.

Adams and Early were hurled thirty feet from the car, Adams falling in a sitting position on the knees of Early. The latter suffered several injuries the most serious being a fractured thigh. He was operated on last evening. Physicians say he will probably recover.

It is believed by Adams that Thompson was stricken with paralysis just before he lost control of the auto, as Thompson was similarly stricken not long ago.

SUBMARINE SINKS BRITISH STEAMER DELMIRA TO-DAY

London, March 26, 3.15 P. M.—The steamer Delmira has been sunk by a German submarine off Boulogne, in the English channel. The members of the crew were given ten minutes in which to leave the vessel. Subsequently they landed on the Isle of Wight.

The Delmira was a British steamer of 2,011 tons net. She was engaged in the transatlantic trade and arrived at Havre from St. John, N. B., on March 14. She was built in 1905 and was under command of Captain Lovelace.

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

Another British merchantman has been sent to the bottom as a result of Germany's submarine warfare. The steamer Delmira was torpedoed in the English channel after the crew had been permitted to quit the ship.

Infantry attacks were made by both French and German troops yesterday at various points, chiefly in the Meuse region. Each side reports that the attacks of the other were repulsed.

The status of military operations in Northern Poland remains in question. Official reports give no idea of the operations beyond bare announcements of the results of isolated engagements and little is known except that a battle of importance over a long front is under way. Petrograd dispatches convey the idea that the Germans have all but abandoned their attempt to break through the Russian lines. To-day's official Berlin statement says that the losses were decided in engagements to the east of Augustow.

Attempts to arrange a settlement of the differences between Italy and Austria apparently have met with no success. A Rome newspaper states that Prince Von Buelow, German Ambassador at Rome, has abandoned his efforts to bring about an agreement. Austria's final offer of territorial concessions is said to have been so far from meeting Italy's demands that the German Ambassador did not submit it to the Italian government.

In the Balkans there are increasing signs of unrest on the part of nations which thus far have kept peace. A Bucharest dispatch says the fall of Parnyl has increased the popular demand in Rumania for intervention on the side of the allies. The relations between Turkey and Bulgaria also have become uncertain. Field Marshal Von Der Goltz has left Constantinople for Sofia, Bulgaria and General Von Sanders has gone to Adrianople, near which defenses are being erected to guard against a possible attack by Bulgaria.

Although severe weather continues at the Dardanelles, making operations of the allied fleet difficult, efforts to clear the straits of mines are being made. Turkish forts fired on mine sweepers on Wednesday but ceased the attack after two British battleships opened on them.

No confirmation has come from Austrian sources of the Russian claim to a great victory in the Carpathians. According to the Petrograd announcement the Russian forces have definitely obtained the advantage in the battle which has been going on for several weeks.

26 PERISH IN SUNKEN U.S SUBMARINE

F-4, Submerged Yesterday Morning at Honolulu, Still Beneath Surface of Water

NO HOPE HELD OUT FOR CREW

Divers Descend to a Depth of 106 Feet in Effort to Locate Missing Vessel and Are Brought to the Surface Unconscious

By Associated Press.

Honolulu, March 26.—Wireless messages early to-day from vessels searching for the missing submarine F-4 which was submerged at 9.15 a. m. yesterday and which has not yet reappeared, state that the work is progressing but that there is nothing definite to report. The fate of the twenty-six men aboard the submarine is still a matter of conjecture and grave apprehension.

The shore off which the F-4 is believed to be lying on the ocean bed is steep and shelves to a precipitous drop. If the submarine lies in thirty-five fathoms of water, it is beyond the reach of divers and it is feared will only work deeper to the dropping off point.

Efforts of Divers Futile

Divers yesterday descended to a depth of 106 feet, which is a local record, and were drawn up unconscious. Relatives of members of the crew are frantic for news. James M. Hoggett, electrician, of Macedonia, Mo., who was on shore leave, is the only member of the crew known to have escaped.

Other submarines stationed here are engaged in searching the ocean bed for the missing F-4, while the naval tug Navajo and other vessels are grappling for the submarine. Shortly after midnight the Navajo and the tug Intrepid reported their lines fast at a depth of thirty-five fathoms to what was believed to be submarine F-4. Other vessels of the submarine fleet immediately went to the spot to investigate.

Was Engaged in Target Practice

The flotilla of submarines stationed here were engaged in target practice early yesterday near the harbor entrance.

RUSSIAN FORCES BEATEN; AUSTRIANS OVER FRONTIER

Berlin, March 26, By Wireless to Sayville, N. Y.—Included in the news given to-day by the Overseas Agency is the following:

"Budapest reports that Russian forces have suffered defeat in fighting to the north of Czernowitz, and that Austrian troops have crossed the Russian frontier in this vicinity."

"Durazzo, a seaport of Albania, was shelled yesterday by the Albanian insurgents."

COLONEL WILL NOT TESTIFY

Has No Information Bearing on Ship Purchase Bill Probe

Washington, March 26.—Colonel Roosevelt has not accepted the invitation to testify before the Senate Ship Bill Lobby Committee, on the ground that he has no information on the subject of the investigation, except such as is available to the public generally.

The committee intended to question the Colonel to-morrow about articles he has written bearing on the charge that the Administration was proposing to buy ships of the European belligerents laid up in American ports.

LAUREL NOT POISONOUS

High School Teachers State Flowers Have Never Injured Anybody

The mountain laurel, passed upon favorably by the Legislature as Pennsylvania's State flower, but vetoed by the Governor on the ground that it is poisonous, was declared by botanists at Central High school to-day not to be poisonous, as they never heard of any person being affected by coming in contact with it.

It was, however, stated that the leaves of laurel are poisonous to sheep, as well as the berries to persons, but so far as the flower is concerned they have never heard of persons contracting poison from it.

WALL STREET CLOSING

By Associated Press.

New York, March 26.—The strength of Reading and weakness of Bethlehem Steel were the principal features of the final trading. The closing was strong. The market lost little of its recent strength to-day despite further profit taking and foreign selling.