

## U. S. NOTE IS DELAYED IN TRANSITION

### Cablegram From Ambassador Gerard States He Has Not Received Message

## WAS RELAYED AT ROME YESTERDAY

### Ambassador Page Says Note Was Sent From Capital of Italy Over Italian Telegraph Lines—Officials Seek to Hasten Its Delivery

By Associated Press.  
Washington, May 15.—A cablegram from Ambassador Gerard in Berlin, sent at 7 o'clock last night and reaching the State Department early to-day, stated that the Ambassador had not then received the American note. State Department officials expected further advice soon.

Meanwhile officials sought to trace the note and hasten its delivery. Having knowledge from Ambassador Page at Rome that the note was relayed from their yesterday afternoon on the Italian telegraph lines, officials felt assured that it surely would reach Ambassador Gerard to-day.

### Bryan's Messages to Gerard

Secretary Bryan sent two messages to Ambassador Gerard after the note itself left the telegraph offices here— one notifying him that it had been sent, and another advising him that it had been arranged to release it for publication for 5 a. m. Friday and therefore to present it to the German Foreign Office as early as possible. Ambassador Gerard acknowledged both.

Interest continued to-day in official Washington and diplomatic circles as to the probable nature of Germany's reply but neither the embassy or the State Department had any intimation as to the feeling in Berlin. Among well informed diplomats as well as officials the belief existed that Germany's reply would afford a means of settlement through diplomacy.

### Gossip About Germany's Action

It was thought not improbable that Germany would suspend submarine warfare while the diplomatic discussion was in progress and it might suggest that if the British government notified all its merchantmen the right of visit and search would then be exercised to prevent contraband from reaching its destination.

Another suggestion which was regarded as not unlikely to be made by Germany was that the belligerents give assurances that no contraband be carried on passenger ships. Although the United States has asserted the right of neutrals to travel anywhere on the high seas, even on ships carrying contraband, insisting that the right of visit and search be exercised in accordance with previous rules of international law, the possibility of a discussion of the legal points involved so as to furnish a common ground for an understanding was admitted in official quarters as a likely development.

## WOULD ARBITRATE SINKING OF LUSITANIA, IS REPORT

London, May 15, 3.22 P. M.—The Exchange Telegraph Company has received the following message from Amsterdam:  
"A telegram from Berlin states that the 'Vossische Zeitung' announces that high government circles in Germany favor the submission of the question of the Lusitania sinking and the difficulties with America arising therefrom to a court of arbitration."

Washington, May 15.—The suggestion of arbitration contained in a dispatch to London from Berlin by way of Amsterdam was received among officials here with the informal comment that such a course was among the considerations which had occurred in Washington, but it was pointed out that it probably would not be satisfactory unless assurances were given in the meantime and the submarine warfare on merchant ships was suspended. Officials pointed out that unless that were done more lives might be lost while an arbitration was in progress.

### American Woman's Body Identified

Queensdown, May 15.—The body of an American, Mrs. Harry J. Kesser, of Philadelphia, was identified to-day among the bodies brought in last night. A tug with five bodies on board, a man believed to be the Rev. Basil W. Maturin, of Oxford, England, and four women and children, has been compelled to take shelter from a storm in a bay near Baltimore, on the south coast.

## DANISH SHIP TORPEDOED BY SUBMARINE; CREW SAVED

London, May 15, 3.09 P. M.—The Danish steamer Martha was torpedoed and sunk off Aberdeen this morning by a German submarine. Her crew of eighteen was saved.

The Martha's net tonnage was 724. She was 232 feet long, was built in 1897 and was owned in Copenhagen.

## PROPERTY LOSS \$5,000,000 IN AFRICA ANTI-GERMAN RIOTS

London, May 15.—The Cape Town correspondent of Reuter's Telegram Company sends the following:  
"Grave anti-German rioting is reported in some of the principal towns of the Union, accompanied by wholesale destruction of German property. The total loss is estimated to exceed \$5,000,000."  
The Cape Town correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company mentions the towns of Johannesburg, Kimberley, Bloemfontein and Port Elizabeth as scenes of rioting.

## ALLIES GAIN 500 YARDS IN VIOLENT ARTILLERY BATTLE

Paris, May 15, 2.30 P. M.—The French War Office this afternoon issued the following statement on the progress of hostilities:  
"There have been no changes in the situation since last evening in the sector to the north of Arras. Here the fighting continues under the conditions set forth in our last communication. We have progressed 500 yards in the direction of Souchez. In this sector there have been violent artillery exchanges."

## NINE OF LUSITANIA'S DEAD NOW ON WAY TO NEW YORK

New York, May 15.—The bodies of nine of the Lusitania's dead, including the body of Charles Frohman, are being brought to New York aboard the American line steamer New York, which will leave Liverpool at 9 o'clock to-night, according to a cablegram received here to-day from Liverpool by the line.

## FIRE COS. HERE GET \$5,600

### Governor To-day Signs the Bill Making That Appropriation

In legislative days gone by it was the practice to include in the general appropriation bill that passed the Legislature an item appropriating money to the various companies of the Harrisburg Fire Department, but somebody discovered that this item was not properly a part of such a bill, and that a separate bill ought to be introduced.  
In accordance with that idea Representative Wildman, of Harrisburg, on March 23, introduced a bill in the House making such an appropriation, and to-day Governor Brumbaugh approved a bill to give the 14 fire companies a total of \$5,600 for the two years beginning June 1, 1915, to be distributed among the companies in equal amounts. Each, therefore, will get \$200 a year.

## 2 BOYS HURT, ONE HORSE KILLED BY TROLLEY CARS

### Youths Are Knocked From Wagon at 16th and State Streets, While Horse Is Wounded and Has to Be Shot at Second and Locust Streets

Two trolley accidents this morning resulted fatally to a horse belonging to Bernard Schmidt, baker, of Eighteenth and Holly streets, when it was struck at 9.30 o'clock on Second street, just north of Locust, and in injuries to two youths who were thrown from a wagon at Sixteenth and State streets, at 5 o'clock.

The horse was injured so badly that it was shot where it lay. The wagon was standing along the curb. The driver, J. W. Broughton, got into it and the horse walked. Almost instantly there was a crash with a trolley car going north. The driver had been accustomed to permitting the horse, which was well trained, to walk off while the driver prepared for the next stop. This he did this morning, according to a statement given to the Harrisburg Railway Company officials.  
The trolley car was in charge of J.

## TO AMEND THE CURFEW LAW

### City Commissioners Believe It Will Be Passed With Minor Changes

That the curfew ordinance, which is on the City Commissioners' second reading calendar, will be amended at the meeting next Tuesday and then passed finally at a subsequent meeting, was the belief among some of the City Commissioners to-day.  
John Fox Weiss, former District Attorney, representing the Civic Club of Harrisburg, will discuss the merits of the proposed curfew law at the meeting on Tuesday.  
It was said this afternoon that the latest plan is to amend the ordinance so that only boys under fourteen years old and girls under fifteen will be affected. As the measure now stands the age limit is fifteen years for both sexes.

## Jitney Driver Fined

H. R. Zinn, driver of a jitney for the past few days, was arrested this afternoon by Traffic Officer Hicks, at Second and Locust streets, for driving past a street car and was fined \$5 by Mayor Royal. He said he did not even know there was a traffic ordinance in force in the city.

## DERNBURG PLANS TO QUIT AMERICA

### Alleged Unofficial Spokesman of Kaiser to Leave Country of His Own Initiative

## HIS SPEECHES DISTASTEFUL

### President Wilson and the Cabinet Were Displeased With German's Remarks in Which He Said Sinking of Lusitania Was Justifiable

By Associated Press.  
Washington, May 15.—Dr. Bernhard Dernburg, often referred to as the unofficial spokesman of Emperor William in the United States, has made plans to leave the country of his own initiative within a short time.

It became known in official quarters here to-day that in view of the intimations that President Wilson and the Cabinet were displeased with Dr. Dernburg's speeches justifying the sinking of the Lusitania and some of his other public utterances, which they believed might be calculated to array sentiment of Germans in the United States against the Washington government, friends of Dr. Dernburg here have persuaded him to leave the United States.

Just when Dr. Dernburg would leave or where he would go was not made known, but it was believed he would sail for Cuba or South America.  
Dr. Dernburg's activity in the United States since the beginning of the war, has been closely observed by the President and other high officials here, who came to believe in the last week that a continuation of his speeches and statements might, in the event of a critical turn in relations with Germany, menace the democratic welfare of America.

It has been repeatedly denied by the German embassy as well as by Dr. Dernburg himself that he was a spokesman for the German government or that he had any official status. In view, however, of the fact that Dr. Dernburg was formerly Colonial Secretary in the German Foreign Office and has become prominently active in behalf of the German cause since the outbreak of the war, officials here believe that German-Americans attach official weight to his utterances.

Dr. Dernburg himself issued a statement last night declaring he had never discussed matters that had arisen diplomatically between the United States and Germany. Officials here made no comment on that beyond pointing to Dr. Dernburg's utterances in Cleveland and New York recently, seeking to justify the attack on the Lusitania.  
At the German embassy it was learned that Dr. Dernburg had expressed the wish himself to leave the country. Embassy officials made it very plain that the action was voluntary on his part. The question of his departure depends upon securing assurance from the British and French, through the mediation of the State Department, for his immunity from detention on the high seas.

## DERNBURG REMAINS SECLUDED

New York, May 15.—Dr. Bernhard Dernburg declined to-day to discuss the statement from Washington that he would soon leave the country of his own initiative. Remaining secluded in his apartments here, he refused to see newspaper representatives. In an answer to a note enclosing a copy of the Washington dispatch, he returned the reply, "No comments."

## A REVOLUTION IN PORTUGAL

### Reported in Madrid That Former Premier Ciosta Has Been Assassinated in Lisbon

By Associated Press.  
London, May 15, 12.49 P. M.—A news agency dispatch received here from Madrid declares there has been received in the Spanish capital information of a grave revolutionary movement in Portugal. One report is that a revolutionary committee is in control of the situation at Lisbon.  
This information has reached the Spanish ministry of the interior. Rebellion is said to have broken out at Coimbra, Oporto, Lisbon and Santarem. Fugitives reaching Badajoz describe the situation as extremely menacing. Telegraph and telephone communication has been interrupted and the troops appear to be powerless to control the people.

## AMERICAN YACHT WRECKED

### No Lives Lost on the Ramona—Cause of Disaster Unknown

Washington, May 15.—The American yacht Ramona has been wrecked off the Mexican west coast near Tepopa, north of Guaymas, without loss of life, according to a report to the navy department from Admiral Howard, who sent the cruiser Raleigh to pick up the rescued crew. The cause of the wreck was not reported.

## BOXING BILLY GOAT, LORD OF U. S. FLEET'S MASCOT SHIP



HORNED BOXER AND BLUEJACKETS' PETS ABOARD THE DELAWARE.

One hundred parrots, a boxing billy goat, a "superdreadnought" in the form of a pup fox terrier, a chicken, a squirrel, Spot, an English bulldog; and two canaries, the latter caged, live in harmony on board the battle ship Delaware, known as the mascot ship of the fleet mobilized in the North River at New York. The parrots have the freedom of the battle ship. They light on top of the guns, the sun turrets, occasionally climb on the back of Spot and rest there and also make themselves comfortable on the rungs of the masts. Superdreadnought is a fine looking pup, less than four inches high. He was appropriated by one of the crew at Norfolk, who found the animal near the navy yard barking at the sailors. As soon as he got aboard he seemed happy and contented. Spot sized him up, growled a little and then adopted the little fellow. Since then they have been the best of friends. Billy, the goat, is quite a boxer. When a sailor assumes a fighting position the animal stands on his hind legs, turns his head a little to one side and lunges forward to butt. Billy has sharp horns, but he is never rough and has never hurt a sailor in getting home his blows. On the other hand, he takes a good many blows without displaying anger.

## WILSON WILL REVIEW BIG ATLANTIC FLEET MONDAY

### Week of Recreation for Officers and Men of Navy Ends To-day With Round of Pleasure—Ships to Be Illuminated To-night

By Associated Press.  
New York, May 15.—A week of recreation for the officers and men of the Atlantic fleet ends to-day with a final round of entertainment. Sunday will be a day of rest and Monday will bring the review by President Wilson and the culmination of the whole naval demonstration.

For the officials to-day there was a luncheon given by the Circumnavigators' Club and a dinner to-night tendered by the Mayor's entertainment committee. The enlisted men will be guests at the baseball games and more theatre parties. To-night the warships will be illuminated and there will be an exhibition of fireworks from floats and band concerts on Riverside drive, where several hundred thousands of citizens have gathered each day to view the inspiring spectacle spread out on the broad waters of the Hudson.  
The international crisis has directed to the fleet more attention than it ever has received during former visits and the dinner given for the officers last night by the navy league was marked by patriotic speeches.

## CITY MUST PAY FOR HOUSES RUINED BY SEWER CAVE-IN

### A Common Pleas Court Jury This Morning Awarded C. J. Mahoney \$4,557.79 for Damages to His Two Naudain Street Properties

After a trial lasting all of this week a Common Pleas Court jury this morning rendered its verdict, holding that the damages and losses sustained by C. J. Mahoney when his two Naudain street properties were precipitated into the Fifteenth street sewer, amounted to \$4,557.79, and that the City of Harrisburg is liable to Mahoney for the full amount.

A question of law raised by the attorneys in the case was reserved by the court for future argument and upon this hinges the final outcome of the case. Should the court decide in favor of Mahoney, the plaintiff, the case will not be appealed by the city and the property owner will be paid the full amount of the award.

## TO BUILD ON RIVER FRONT

### I. W. Copeland Acquires Land Near Fort Hunter From Colonel Ott

Announcement was made this afternoon that I. W. Copeland, of Toledo, O., brother of City Treasurer O. M. Copelin, of Harrisburg, has purchased from County Solicitor Colonel Fred M. Ott, a strip of river front property, skirting the Riverside Drive, near Fort Hunter, and proposes to build a costly stone dwelling.  
An architect now is preparing plans for the home.  
No One Injured When Smokeless Powder Wrecks Building  
By Associated Press.  
Wilmington, Del., May 15.—An explosion at the Dupont Powder Works at Carney's Point, N. J., at 5.10 o'clock this morning startled Wilmington by its heavy concussion.  
It happened in the still hours, burning a considerable quantity of shotgun smokeless powder and wrecking the building. There was no loss of life or injury to persons, none of the men being at work at the time.

## PERRY COUNTY TO BE "WET" AGAIN

### Judge Seibert Says Superior Court Ruling Means Reopening of Ten Bars

## HAD BEEN "DRY" SINCE APRIL 1

### Higher Tribunal Decides There Must Be a "Rehearing" Which Perry Jurist Asserts Simply Means That the Ten Applications Must Be Granted

(Special to the Star-Independent).  
New Bloomfield, Pa., May 15.—The whole of Perry county has been "dry" for a month and a half, but ten of the sixteen liquor establishments, whose license applications were not granted at the annual license court on March 12, last, because the court was hopelessly divided, will reopen for business next week, probably on Monday.  
In these ten cases the State Superior Court, to which appeals had been taken, decided that, contrary to the decision of Judge W. N. Seibert, of Perry county, the applicants' papers were in proper form and according to law. The Superior Court sent the cases back to the county court for rehearing. Judge Seibert had decided that the application papers were defective and for that reason he would not agree to grant the applications. His associate, Judge S. W. Bernheisel, a "lay" judge, said he was disposed to grant the licenses.  
Judge Seibert said this morning that if the official reports bear out the news dispatches that the Superior Court holds the ten license applications to be regular, there will be nothing left for him to do but grant the ten licenses.  
Only two hotelmen had appealed the cases to the Superior Court but an understanding was had between the parties whereby the Appellate Court's decision would be binding on the county court.

## ITALY DENOUNCED TRIPLE ALLIANCE WEEK AGO, REPORT

### London, May 15, 11.45 A. M.—After having been deluded by a series of chimerical crises, the British public is coming to the belief that Italy finally has reached the point of a momentous decision in the matter of her relations to the Triple Alliance.

Early to-day London was informed unofficially that Italy a week ago had denounced this alliance. When this step failed to produce further concessions from Austria, there occurred the resignation of the Italian Cabinet. London is now awaiting breathlessly news from Rome of the final break.  
DENIES REPORT THAT ITALY DENOUNCED TRIPLE ALLIANCE  
Rome, May 15, via Paris.—The "Tribuna" in a special edition denies the report that Italy had denounced the Triple Alliance. It explains: the king's decision to entrust to Giuseppe Marcora the formation of a cabinet, instead of insisting upon the retention of Premier Salandra, as being due to the fact that the Salandra cabinet has shaped its policy in the direction of withdrawal from the Triple Alliance, but had not taken definite action to this end, wishing first to obtain the support of Parliament. No pledge of any kind had been made, the "Tribuna" asserts and the new cabinet will thus have complete liberty of action.  
Riotous demonstrations continued in Rome during a great part of the night. They increased in intensity when it became known that, notwithstanding reports to the contrary, the king had accepted Premier Salandra's resignation.  
One of the most violent outbreaks occurred in connection with attempts of the crowds to approach the Austrian embassy. A member of the staff of the Nationalist newspaper "Idea Nazionale," succeeded in hurling his cane through a window of the embassy, breaking the glass. He was arrested.  
At a meeting in Borghese square, twenty speakers, most of them deputies, made addresses in favor of war.

## JOHN BIRKINBINE, NOTED ENGINEER, IS DEAD AT 71

### Stricken Here Two Months Ago, Chairman of State Water Supply Commission Dies of Heart Failure—He Designed City's Water System

John Birkinbine, 71 years old, chairman of the Pennsylvania Water Supply Commission, and one of the foremost consulting mining and mechanical engineers in this country, died suddenly yesterday afternoon at his home on Highland avenue, Cynwyd, near Philadelphia. Heart disease was the cause. He is survived by his widow and nine children, four sons and five daughters. One of his sons, Henry E. Birkinbine, 2518 North Sixth street, Harrisburg, is an assistant engineer in the office of the State Water Supply Commission, in this city. His widow was formerly Miss Weimer, of Lebanon.  
John Birkinbine was appointed a member of the Water Supply Commission by Governor Pennypacker in June, 1905, and reappointed by Governors Stuart and Tener, and was still a member of the board at the time of his death. Although he was a very busy man, he gave a great deal of time and attention to his work for the State

## ANTI-JAP RIOT IN HANKOW QUELLED BY ALLIED TROOPS

### Hankow, China, Via Peking, May 14, 7.18 P. M.—An incipient anti-Japanese riot resulted last night from the circulation yesterday of circulars of unknown origin stating that the Japanese colony would hold a lantern parade in celebration of the victory over China.

Shops were closed and crowds assembled at the British concession to watch the Japanese procession. Three Japanese shops were looted and two Japanese injured. British and Russian volunteers with fixed bayonets dispersed the rioters before the arrival of a regiment of Chinese troops which had been called out to quell the disturbance. The Japanese garrison was ordered out, but withdrew at the request of the British consul and the Chinese authorities.

## LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

Giuseppe Marcora, a Garibaldi veteran, is to form the new Cabinet to guide Italy through the present crisis. It is believed in Rome that he will be able to assemble a Cabinet in which the opposing factions will be represented. He is said to have received the support of the retiring Premier, Signor Salandra, who insisted upon quitting office, notwithstanding the desire of the King to retain him.  
It is reported in London that Italy had denounced her alliance with Germany and Austria a week ago and news of the final break is expected any day. Internal agitation continues in Italy.  
In both the east and west the opposition.

## INCREASE IN BANK RESERVE

By Associated Press.  
New York, May 15.—The statement of actual condition of Clearing House banks and trust companies shows that they hold \$173,241,300 reserve in excess of legal requirements. This is an increase of \$10,847,390 over last week.

## NEW ITALIAN CABINET TO BE FORMED

### Marcora, Asked by King Emmanuel to Perform the Task, Declines the Offer

## SALANDRA TO BE ASKED TO STAY

### Letter Insisted Upon His Resignation Being Accepted and Emmanuel Then Chose President of Chamber of Deputies, Who Declined the Honor

Rome, May 15, 12.55 P. M., Via Paris.—Signor Marcora, President of the Chamber of Deputies, requested by King Victor Emmanuel to form a new Cabinet in succession to the Salandra ministry, has refused the commission.  
It is probable that the King will insist on Premier Salandra remaining in power.

## ROME, MAY 14, VIA PARIS, MAY 15,

6.20 A. M.—Premier Salandra has insisted upon his resignation being accepted and King Victor Emmanuel has entrusted Giuseppe Marcora, president of the Chamber of Deputies, with the task of forming a new Cabinet.  
Marcora a Garibaldian Veteran  
Rome, May 15.—Giuseppe Marcora, entrusted by King Victor Emmanuel with the task of forming a new Cabinet to succeed the Salandra ministry which, insisted upon its resignation being accepted because it lacked the unanimous support of the country in a supreme crisis, is a Garibaldian veteran 74 years old. He has had wide experience in public life and in 1910 declined a request to organize a cabinet. He has served many years in Parliament and has long been president of the Chamber of Deputies.  
After receiving the King's request he called upon Premier Salandra and former Premier Giolitti. He then waited upon His Majesty and reported progress in his efforts to get together a new ministry which would represent all phases of public opinion.  
Urges Respect for Foreigners  
Prince Scipione Borghese, head of one of the foremost families of Rome, indicated yesterday that he favors whom he sent from his place to Borghese Square a large Italian flag to be carried at the head of the crowd which was loudly applauding Salandra.  
Before his resignation was accepted Premier Salandra sent to all prefects in the kingdom a circular reminding them they are authorized, if necessary, to entrust to the military authorities the protection of public order. He especially urged that foreigners be treated with respect, evidently referring to Germans and Austrians.