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## FIND \$22,000 IS DUE TO OPPERMAN

### Arbitrators in Sewer Dispute Said Unofficially to Have Agreed On That Sum

## BAR HOPES OF CLOSING "GAP"

### City Will Not Have Balance in Sewer Loan Fund Sufficient to Pay Full Award to Contractor. Not to Men- tion the Market Street Project

Joseph L. Shearer, Jr., Farley Gan-  
nett and Roy G. Cox, arbitrators se-  
lected by the City and W. H. Opperman,  
contractor, who built the sewer,  
front intercepting sewer, to decide  
what Opperman shall be paid for extra  
work he claims to have done in connection  
with the contract, filed their decision  
at noon to-day with City Solicitor  
D. S. Seitz and C. H. Bergner, attorneys  
representing the principals. City officials  
said official publication of the  
finding is to be withheld until the regular  
meeting of the City Commissioners to-  
morrow afternoon at 1 o'clock.

It was said unofficially, yet upon  
good authority, this afternoon that the  
arbitrators have awarded to Opperman  
more than two-thirds of his claims to-  
talling \$30,000, or something like \$22-  
000. City officials refused either to  
confirm or deny that report. They did  
admit, however, that there can be no  
appeal from the arbitrators' decision.

The board of arbitration was created  
more than two years ago and many  
hearings were held, at which the City  
contended that Opperman was paid the  
full amount due him. Prior to these  
hearings, it is said, however, that an  
offer was tendered to Opperman of  
something like \$13,000 as a settlement  
proposition and that such offer was re-  
jected by him.

On this decision of the arbitrators  
hinges the question of whether the City  
will have sufficient money for closing  
the Market street wharf gap in the  
river front steps. It has been esti-  
mated that between \$4,500 and \$5,000  
will be required to finance closing the  
gap. The fact that the official an-  
nouncement of the arbitrators' decision  
will not be made public before to-  
morrow was given by City officials as a  
reason for their refusing to say posi-  
tively whether sufficient money will be  
available for the extra work on the wall.

The arbitrators' award as well as the  
costs incurred by them will be paid  
out of the \$216,000 intercepting sewer  
loan approved by the voters in 1910.  
All of the installments paid to Opperman,  
under his contract, came out of that  
fund as did also the cost of con-  
structing the protective wall or steps  
along the river front built by the  
Stucker Brothers Construction Com-  
pany.

The balance in the loan fund at  
present, books in the office of former  
City Controller Gough show, is \$39-  
856.70. After the Stucker firm is paid  
what still is due it, it was said at the  
office of the Board of Public Works,  
the balance in the original sewer loan  
fund will be only about \$12,000. On  
that basis there would not be money  
sufficient even to pay the Opperman  
award, not to mention the cost of closing  
the wall gap. There would, in fact,  
be a shortage of \$10,000 in the amount  
needed to pay Opperman and no money  
at all to meet the cost of closing the  
gap at Market street.

## THE TRANSYLVANIA PASSES SAFELY THROUGH WAR ZONE

New York, May 17.—The Anchor  
Line steamer Transylvania passed safely  
through the war zone about the British  
Isles and arrived at Greenock, Scot-  
land, at 3 o'clock this morning. London  
time, it was announced by officials of  
the Cunard Line, to which the Trans-  
sylvania was under charter.

Fears had been felt for the safety  
of the Transylvania, as she had a large  
cargo of contraband on board and her  
usual course to Liverpool, for which  
port she cleared, would take her near  
the point at which the Lusitania was  
struck and sunk by a German torpedo  
on May 6.

It was assumed in many quarters,  
however, that because of the danger of  
submarine attack the Transylvania  
would change her course and proceed  
over a more northerly route, probably  
to a Scotch port. This surmise proved  
correct, as this morning's advices of  
her safe arrival at Greenock, Scotland,  
showed.

The Transylvania carried nearly  
1,000 passengers, of whom 28, accord-  
ing to the passenger lists, were Amer-  
ican citizens.

## WILSON REVIEWS A MIGHTY ARMADA

### Most Powerful Array of Fighting Ships Ever Assembled In an American Port

## 64 VESSELS TAKE PART IN DISPLAY

### Fleet Stretches Four Miles in Double Line of Solemn Gray—Land Pa- rade Proceeds Review—Hundreds of Thousands Witness Events

By Associated Press.  
New York, May 17.—A mighty  
armada of battleships, destroyers, sub-  
marines and auxiliary craft, the na-  
tion's bulwark in case of war, swung  
at anchor in the Hudson river this  
morning, groomed for review this af-  
ternoon by the President of the United  
States.

The most powerful array of fighting  
ships ever assembled in an American  
port, sixty-four in all, the fleet  
stretched for four miles in a double  
line of solemn gray, but touched with  
gay colors where pennants and en-  
signs streamed from fighting tops and  
masted in honor of the occasion.  
Each battleship thundered the Presi-  
dential salute of 21 guns when the  
navy yacht Mayflower, with the Presi-  
dent on the bridge passed them during  
this afternoon.

### Land Parade Proceeds Review

Convoys by the cruiser Baltimore,  
the Mayflower, bringing the President  
from Washington, reached the harbor  
last night and steamed up the river  
to anchor off West Forty-first street.  
It was after midnight when she ar-  
rived there and the President and his  
party, expecting a long day of cere-  
monies, had retired for the night.

The naval review was preceded this  
forenoon by a land parade. To-morrow  
the demonstration will end with the  
departure of the fleet for a naval war  
game along the Atlantic coast.

Three times since the ships of Ad-  
miral Dewey returned from the victo-  
ry from Manila bay, seventeen years  
ago, has New York been the host of a  
United States fleet, but never since  
Dewey's return has the presence of the  
warships here aroused greater  
patriotic interest than on this occasion.

### Metropolis in Holiday Attire

Hundreds of thousands thronged the  
streets at an early hour to witness the  
land parade, later to seek advantage  
points on the Hudson water front. The  
city was in holiday attire and decked  
with flags.

This morning the President set out  
for shore aboard a navy launch, to per-  
form the first duty of the day, a review  
of the land parade of sailors, marines,  
and New York State naval militia,  
nearly 6,000 strong.

From each ship 250 bluejackets and  
60 marines were landed to form four  
regiments of bluejackets and one of  
marines—under the command of Ad-  
miral Dewitt Coffman, brigade com-  
mander. Not a few officers and men  
have distinguished themselves at a less  
peaceful landing party at Vera Cruz  
more than a year ago.

### Line of the Land Parade

The line of march, densely packed  
with spectators, was along Twenty-fifth  
street, Fifth avenue, Fifty-seventh  
street and up Broadway to the embark-  
ing point at the foot of Seventy-ninth  
street.

The program called for Mr. Wilson's  
return to the Mayflower after the  
luncheon. Then the raising of the  
stars.

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## MORE AUTOISTS ACCUSED OF BREAKING TRAFFIC LAWS

### Two Summoned to Appear Before the Mayor This Afternoon—Police Cap- tain Thompson Is Considering the Preparation of a 'Jitney Code'

The traffic ordinance has not been  
written on the statute books of the  
City of Harrisburg for nothing, as au-  
toists will soon discover if they do not  
get acquainted with its provisions and  
obey them, for the Police Department  
has inaugurated a clean-up campaign  
to punish drivers who violate the ordinance.

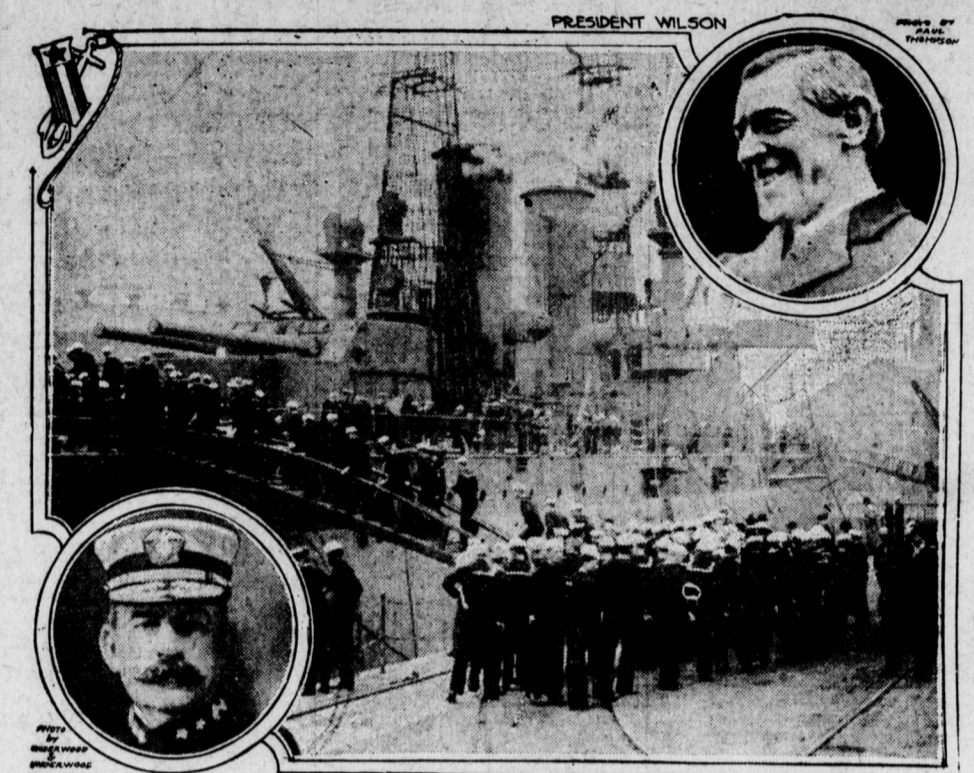
The arrest of a jitney driver, who  
admitted in police court that he did not  
know of the existence of a traffic law,  
determined Mayor Royal on a course of  
action. Fearing that the increase of  
such drivers in the city would endanger  
the lives of pedestrians, he caused Po-  
lice Captain Joseph P. Thompson to is-  
sue to-day a general order to the police  
force to report immediately all viola-  
tions of the traffic law.

The jitney drivers are not the only  
persons who come under the traffic reg-  
ulations. They apply also to other au-  
toists. Two autoists were summoned  
to appear before Mayor Royal this af-  
ternoon. C. E. Webb 234 South Thir-  
teenth street is charged with passing a  
trolley car at Tenth and Market  
streets while it was taking on passen-  
gers. D. W. Fellows, 1240 Market  
street, is charged with speeding on  
South Cameron street.

Three autoists were fined last week,  
the most severe fine of \$10 being im-  
posed on a South Cameron street speed-  
er. Two others were fined \$5 each, re-  
spectively, for running past a trolley  
car.

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## SCENE ON THE WYOMING, FLAGSHIP OF THE ATLANTIC FLEET REVIEWED BY PRESIDENT WILSON TO-DAY



REAR ADMIRAL FRANK F. FLETCHER SAILORS BOARDING THE WYOMING

The great American fleet assembled in the Hudson River at New York is in command of Rear Admiral Fletcher. President Wilson to-day reviewed the land parade of sailors and marines and also the fleet. From the deck of the Mayflower, stationed near the Statue of Liberty, he saw the mighty battleships pass out to sea. There were about sixty vessels in the parade. Although in point of number the fleet was not quite so large as that which was reviewed in the Hudson in the autumn of 1912 by President Taft, it was an equally impressive sight, for the reason that every one of the craft was in actual fighting trim. The Wyoming is the flagship of the fleet.

## 6,000 ARMENIANS PERISH IN BIG MASSACRE AT VAN; SLAIN BY TURKS AND KURDS

By Associated Press.

London, May 17, 2:14 P. M.—Six  
thousand armenians have been mas-  
sacred at Van, in Armenia, Asiatic  
Turkey, according to a dispatch re-  
ceived in official quarters in London to-  
day from the Russian Consul at Uru-  
miah, Persia.

This message is dated May 15. It  
aids that the Armenians are defending  
themselves to the utmost against the  
Turks and Kurds arrayed against them,  
but that help is urgently needed.

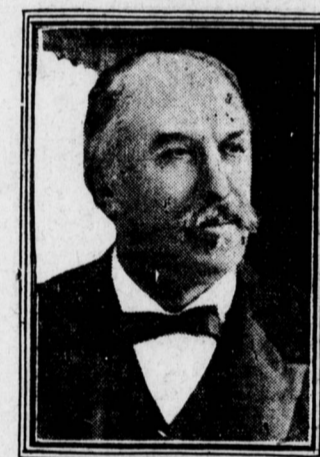
Van is about 150 miles from Tabriz  
where the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Labaree,  
—the latter a daughter of Samuel W.  
Fleming, assistant postmaster of Har-  
risburg,—were last reported to be lo-  
cated.

## U. S. NOTE TO GERMANY ON LATTER'S TACTICS OF WAR DELIVERED, SAYS GERARD

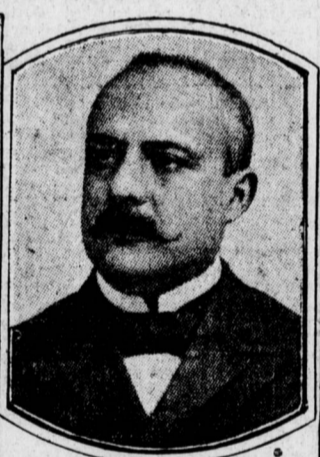
Washington, May 17.—Ambassador  
Gerard at Berlin to-day notified the  
State Department of the delivery of  
the American note to the German for-  
eign office. It was the first official  
notification that the note had arrived  
at its destination, although its delivery  
had been reported in news dispatches.

The note, which was delivered to the  
German foreign office, is a formal  
protest against the German tactics of  
war, and is the first of its kind since  
the outbreak of the war.

## ALL ITALY IN STATE OF FEVERISH EXCITEMENT AND TEMPER OF THE PEOPLE IS GREATLY IN FAVOR OF WAR



SIGNOR GIOVANNI GIOLITTI



SIGNOR ANTONIO SALANDRA



KING VICTOR EMMANUEL OF ITALY

Italy's Long-Awaited  
Decision For or  
Against Entering Eu-  
ropean Conflict May  
be Reached To-day—  
Clashes Between  
Austrian and Italian  
Frontier Guards---  
47 Women Reported  
Killed

By Associated Press.

Rome, Via Paris, May 17.—Develop-  
ments of the utmost importance are ex-  
pected to-day in the affairs of Italy.  
Premier Salandra has called the first  
formal meeting of his cabinet to be held  
since the passing of the ministerial  
crisis which resulted in his remaining  
in power with a virtual vindication of  
his foreign policy. It is considered  
highly probable a definite decision for  
peace or war may be reached.

The tension has been intensified by  
reported clashes between Austrian and  
Italian frontier guards.

The temper of the Italian people has  
been more highly inflamed by dis-  
patches telling of a "women's revolu-  
tion" at Trieste. Forty-seven women are  
said to have been killed and 300 wound-  
ed there by gendarmes when they  
charged a crowd which was threaten-  
ing the Governor's palace.

### 300,000 Cries for War

Official confirmation of the report  
that the Salandra cabinet would remain  
in power was greeted by one of the  
most remarkable demonstrations of ap-  
proval ever witnessed in Rome. A crowd  
estimated at 300,000 gathered in the  
Pioleto Square at the foot of the  
Pincian Hill, the slope and summit of



BARON SONNINO

These are pictures of the principal  
officials figuring in the Italian con-  
troversy which has resulted in a decision  
to retain the cabinet without change.  
Signor Giolitti, it is believed, will sup-  
port the war party once it is shown  
that war is inevitable. Signor Salandra  
will again head the cabinet. Baron Sonnino  
is the Foreign Minister, who will be  
retained in the cabinet.

which were thronged with representa-  
tives of the most aristocratic families in  
the capital.

Society women wearing the tri-color  
of Italy waved flags and handkerchiefs  
as they joined in the cheers for Salandra  
and Foreign Minister Sonnino, while  
bands played patriotic airs. To the  
Garibaldian veterans in the crush it  
seemed that stirring days of the war  
of independence had returned. Even  
horses and cabs were decked with flags.  
Beside the obelisk in the square was  
an immense caricature of Emperor  
Francis Joseph of Austria at which all  
kinds of missiles were hurled. French,  
British, Belgian and Russian flags were  
borne aloft with the Italian colors.

### Garibaldi Greeted Crowd

There was a great patriotic demon-  
stration before the home of Ricciotti  
Garibaldi. The veteran "red shirt"

leader responded to insistent demands  
for a speech by declaring "to-day the  
Italian people are writing the last page  
of their national liberation to which  
our red shirts contributed."

A young priest who declared all po-  
litical parties had been merged into a  
united Italy was hailed as a new Ugo  
Bassi, the priest who followed Gar-  
ibaldi.

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## GRECIAN KING SERIOUSLY ILL FROM PLEURISY ATTACK

London, May 17, 12:36 p. m.—The  
Greek legation here has received a bul-  
letin from Athens reading as follows:  
"Yesterday evening the feverish  
condition of King Constantine in-  
creased. His temperature registered 102 de-  
gree Fahrenheit, his pulse was 112  
and his respiration 22."

The King of Greece has been ill for  
over a week, and a recent dispatch said  
his cold had turned into pleurisy. It is  
not expected that he will be able to at-  
tend to State business for some time  
to come.

## LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

Further gains are reported by the  
allies to-day in the first great effort of  
the spring to roll back the German line,  
now under way on the same ground  
where thousands of lives were lost last  
fall in the German attempt to break  
through to the English channel. Ac-  
cording to Berlin, the Germans are  
holding their ground.

The French War Office announces  
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## SUFFRAGISTS TO PROVIDE FOOD ON GOOD ROADS DAY

### Branches of Women's Organization In Every Part of State Instructed From Headquarters to Carry Lunch- es to Volunteer Highway Workers

Pennsylvania's women suffragists  
announced here to-day they will par-  
ticipate in the activities of the State-  
wide "Good Roads Day" on May 26.  
They promise to provide refreshments  
to all the hungry and blistered male  
citizens who wield shovels and picks  
that day in the interests of better pub-  
lic roads. In every township where the  
masculine population turns out for  
"road duty," a band of the local suffra-  
gists will be on hand with baskets  
of sandwiches and buckets of cooling  
draughts. Whether "pro" or "anti"  
in his beliefs on "votes for women,"  
each individual worker will find a  
smiling suffragist ready to cater to the  
inner man when the noon whistle  
blows.

A letter has just been sent to the  
various suffragist county and city  
chairmen by Miss Hannah J. Patter-  
son, State chairman of the Pennsylva-  
nia Woman Suffrage Party. In this let-  
ter Miss Patterson says:  
"The Governor has fixed May 26  
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## GOVERNOR APPROVES NEW MOVIE CENSORSHIP PLAN

### Signs Bill Which Increases the Number of Censors and Reduces the Fee From \$2.50 to \$1—Vetoes the Cold Storage Measure

Governor Brumbaugh to-day an-  
nounced that he had approved the Daix  
moving picture censorship bill, provid-  
ing a new system of examination; ap-  
proval and regulation of all films and  
of the advertising matter in connection  
therewith. The bill provides for a  
board of three censors, two males and  
one female, with offices in Harrisburg  
and such other places as may be con-  
sidered necessary. The fee for exami-  
nation of films is \$1 for each film of  
1,200 feet or less. A violation of the  
law means a fine of from \$25 to \$50  
for the first offense, \$50 to \$100 for  
the second offense and in default of  
payment imprisonment from 10 to 30  
days. The act of 1911, which provided

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## LIBERTY BELL TO BE IN HARRISBURG HALF- AN HOUR ON JULY 5TH

(Special to the Star-Independent.)  
Philadelphia, May 17.—Philadel-  
phia, home of the Liberty Bell, to-day  
recognized the claim of Harrisburg  
for a chance to view the famous old  
relic on its way to the Pacific coast,  
by including that city in the itinerary.  
Twelve days will be consumed in the  
trip to San Francisco where the bell will  
be placed on exhibition at the Panama-  
Pacific show.

The special train carrying the Liberty  
Bell and the Philadelphia councilmen  
who will accompany it, will pass  
through Harrisburg on Monday, July  
5, at 6:30 p. m., and a stop of half an  
hour will be made. By special arrange-  
ment with the Pennsylvania railroad  
the car carrying the relic will be side-  
tracked to a point easily accessible to  
those who wish to inspect the symbol  
of liberty.

In view of the countless pleas from  
cities in all parts of the country that  
steps be made so their citizens may see  
the bell, the cities on the itinerary may  
be considered favored. Councilmen  
this afternoon finally made up the list  
of towns, including Harrisburg, where  
stops are to be made.

## GETS ANOTHER WAR ORDER

### Morton Company Must Deliver Armored Motor Cars in 45 Days

Contracts let to-day with local hard-  
ware firms for miscellaneous supplies  
for auto trucks led to the announce-  
ment by the Morton Truck & Tractor  
Company that it has received another  
large order for auto trucks—some to be  
armored—to be used in the European  
war.

The order is to be filled within  
forty-five days. Contracts received by  
the hardware companies here specify  
that the material must be furnished to  
the Morton firm within a fortnight.  
The Morton company has moved its  
offices and plant to the Harrisburg  
Boiler & Manufacturing Company plant  
and now is employing two hundred  
men. The force will be doubled within  
the next week or two, so it was said  
to-day.

## TWO CARNIVALS IN TOWN

### Veteran Firemen's and Moose Organi- zation Are Conducting Them

Harrisburg will have two carnivals  
this week. Promptly at 7:30 o'clock  
this evening they will be opened.  
The Joseph G. Ferari Carnival' out-  
fit, which will be run for the benefit  
of the Harrisburg Veteran Volunteer  
Firemen's Association, arrived in Har-  
risburg at 6:30 o'clock last evening  
and immediately the erection of the  
booths was begun at Third and Rely  
streets.

The Leon Washburn Mighty Min-  
shows, which are here for the benefit  
of the Loyal Order of Moose Charity  
fund, arrived shortly before midnight  
and at once unloaded at Sixth and  
Mahantongo streets.

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## ZEPPELINS HURL BOMBS ON 2 TOWNS

### The German Airships Pay Visits to Calais, France, and Ramsgate, England

## TWO CHILDREN KILLED IN RAID

### British Admiralty Announces That the Dirigible Which Raided Ramsgate Was Attacked by Aircraft and Is Believed to Be Seriously Damaged

Calais, France, May 17, Via Paris,  
12:40 P. M.—A Zeppelin airship com-  
ing from the channel, flew over Calais  
last night. It dropped bombs on var-  
ious quarters of the city, killing two  
children and wounding one woman.  
The property damage was slight. After  
its raid the Zeppelin sailed away in  
the direction of the sea.

### Three Injured by 40 Bombs

Ramsgate, Eng., May 17.—An air  
raid occurred here early this morning.  
About forty bombs were dropped, so  
far as has been ascertained three per-  
sons were injured. The aircraft was  
a Zeppelin and in addition to dropping  
bombs here, it also flew over Margate.  
No news of the extent of the damage  
done there, if any, has been received.

The Zeppelin was first seen seaward  
at midnight, but it did not venture over  
the town until 1:30 o'clock this morn-  
ing, when it dropped a large number of  
incendiary bombs all over the town.  
No serious damage was done, except to  
the Bull hotel, which was almost  
wrecked. The bomb went through the  
roof and pierced its way to the cellar.  
Three guests asleep in the hotel were  
injured, but it was not believed their  
injuries are serious. Several fishing smacks  
in the harbor were damaged by bombs.

### Zeppelin Chased by Allies' Craft

London, May 17, 1:45 P. M.—An-  
nouncement was made at the Admiralty  
to-day that the German dirigible which  
raided Ramsgate early this morning  
dropped forty bombs and injuring three  
persons, had been pursued and appar-  
ently damaged seriously. The state-  
ment follows:  
"The Zeppelin that attacked Ramsgate  
early this morning was chased off by  
East Church and Westgate machines  
as far as the West Hinder  
lightship. When off Nieuport, Belgium,  
she was attacked by eight naval ma-  
chines from Dunkirk. Three machines  
were able to attack her at close range  
and, but it was not believed their  
bursts are serious. Several fishing smacks  
in the harbor were damaged by bombs.

### Allies Advance Nearly A Mile Into German Line

London, May 17, 1:58 P. M.—Field  
Marshal Sir John French has broken his  
silence in regard to the movements of  
the British army northwest of La  
Bassee with the announcement of an  
advance of nearly a mile into the Ger-  
man line. This, together with the con-  
tinuance of the French thrusts both  
north of Ypres and southwest of La  
Bassee, constitutes the outstanding  
feature of the military situation to-day.

Military commentators here regard  
the British advance as a genuine break  
of the German line which, if main-  
tained, must mean a retreat for a con-  
siderable section of the invaders' forces.

Recapture of the bridge over the  
Yser canal at Steenstraete by the  
French deprives the Germans of their  
last connection with the west side of  
the waterway. German assaults on the  
British position at Ypres seem to have  
spent themselves, at least for the  
moment, as Field Marshal French re-  
ports all has been quiet there for the  
last 48 hours.

### Germany's Raid on the Seas

London, May 17, 3:40 P. M.—Thomas  
J. MacNamara, Parliamentary Sec-  
retary of the Admiralty, announced in re-  
ply to a question in the House of Com-  
mons to-day that 450,628 tons of British  
shipping, other than warships, had  
been sunk or captured by the German  
navy since the outbreak of the war.

### Dog in Fit Bites Mistress

Mrs. Penrose Weaver, of Fort Hun-  
ter, was treated this morning at the  
Harrisburg hospital for a severe dog  
bite in the right hand. She said her dog  
went into a fit and had to be shot after  
the animal bit her.

## WALL STREET CLOSING

New York, May 17.—Short cov-  
ering checked a further decline in the  
final hour. The closing was firm. Ex-  
treme dullness prevailed throughout to-  
day's stock market session. Early  
gains were partly reduced later.