

CEASES ITS SUBMARINE OPERATIONS

Germany Alleged to Have Ordered a Suspension of Warfare on Merchant Vessels

REPORT SAID TO BE AUTHENTIC

Orders Issued a Week Ago but Not Announced Officially—Belligerent as Well as Neutral Vessels to be Safe From Attack

By Associated Press.
New York, May 19.—Orders suspending submarine operations against merchant vessels have been issued by the German government pending the outcome of negotiations regarding the representations made by this government in President Wilson's note, according to a Washington dispatch to the "Times" this morning.

The "Times" says the information was obtained in "a well informed quarter" after cable press dispatches had said a German submarine fired a torpedo at the liner Transylvania on her trip from New York to Glasgow, ended Monday. It was stated at the source of information that the report about the Transylvania could not be correct "for the reason that submarine activity had been discontinued by the German government."

Applies to All Merchant Vessels
It is not disclosed, the "Times" dispatch says, whether the new orders require that there are to be no attacks by German submarines on vessels at war with Germany unless they are supposed to carry war supplies and have no passengers on board, but the dispatch says it is the understanding that the order will apply to all merchant vessels, belligerent as well as neutral.

The order, it was said, was issued about a week ago, but the supposition is that it has not been announced officially.

It is pointed out that since the day following the sinking of the Lusitania only one German submarine attack on a merchant ship has been recorded. This was on May 15, or about a week after the Lusitania disaster, the steamer being the Marjha, a Danish craft, sunk off Aberdeen and that in this case all the members of her crew were saved.

CONTEST ON IN D. A. R.

Miss Cora Lee Snyder and Mrs. James B. Mersereau Are Rival Candidates in Election Being Held To-day

A contest is on for the position of regent of the Harrisburg Chapter, D. A. R., which will be decided late this afternoon at the annual meeting which is being held in the assembly hall of the Y. M. C. A.

Miss Cora Lee Snyder and Mrs. James B. Mersereau both have been nominated for this post of honor and the indications at noon were, that the balloting would be very close. Eight candidates have been nominated for the governing board, four of whom will be elected.

Mrs. Henry McCormick, who has been acting regent since the death of Mrs. Gilbert M. McCauley, who was regent, has been nominated for first vice regent; Miss Caroline Pearson, for second vice regent, and Mrs. Frederick Herman Marsh, for treasurer, all without opposition.

Mrs. Charles J. Wood, Jr., will likely succeed Miss Snyder as chapter historian. While no candidate for recording secretary was nominated it is understood that the new recording secretary will be Mrs. Mary Boyer McCrea, with Mrs. Bishop as corresponding secretary.

PLAN CLOSING STORES

Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce Arranging With Business Firms of City

The Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce is now arranging to bring about the closing of the stores on Friday afternoons if an agreement can be made with the business men. According to the program, the initial closing day will be July 9, and will remain in effect until after September 10.

\$50,000,000 ROAD PLAN IS ADVANCED

Sproul Amendment Approved in the House This Morning by Vote of 160 to 24

GREAT RUSH OF LEGISLATION

Senate Bill Giving Jurors the Right to Prescribe Life Imprisonment in Place of Death Penalty for Murder Passes Lower Branch

The McNichol Senate bill amending the penal code of the Commonwealth so that the penalty for murder in the first degree shall be either death or life imprisonment, at the discretion of the jury, in cases of conviction where a not guilty plea has been heard, was passed by a vote of 152 to 23 in the House of Commons this morning after a debate.

Mr. Roney, of Philadelphia, contended that many murderers in Pennsylvania are acquitted by jurors who cannot bring themselves to send a prisoner to the electric chair. He said more guilty murderers would be brought to justice if the jury were given power to name the punishment.

The measure permitting the taking of unclaimed dogs from public pounds by medical societies for the promotion of medicine and surgery was dropped from the calendar by a vote of 285 to 64 after a lively debate of twenty minutes.

Mr. Baldwin, of Delaware, opened the argument by saying that persons who were in favor of dropping the bill from the calendar did not understand the bill. He was immediately opposed by Mr. Spangler, of York, who said that the measure permitted persons unskilled in the practice of medicine to operate on dogs.

Cromer Defends S. P. C. A.
Mr. Cromer, of Allegheny, characterized the bill as a slap at the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. He said:

"Physicians to-day are trying to

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LAWMAKERS WILL FEAST IN THE CAPITOL TO-NIGHT

The feast of reason will give way to the feast of substantial in the Senate and House to-night. Cards for the Senate luncheon announce that it will be given in the Senate caucus room about 11 o'clock.

The House will have its pink tea in the corridors of the basement of the Capitol and cards have been issued for three hundred to attend.

The close of the festivities will mark the end of the actual work of the legislative session as nothing of importance will be done after reassembling to-morrow.

CLIMBS TO TOP OF DOME ON CAPITOL

"Crazy" Jack, the "Human Fly," Thrills Big Crowd Gathered at State House

CHEERS ARE HIS REWARD

Wandering Steeplejack Provides Daring Spectacle for Hill Officials, Lawmakers and Others by Touching the Ball Beneath "Miss Penn"

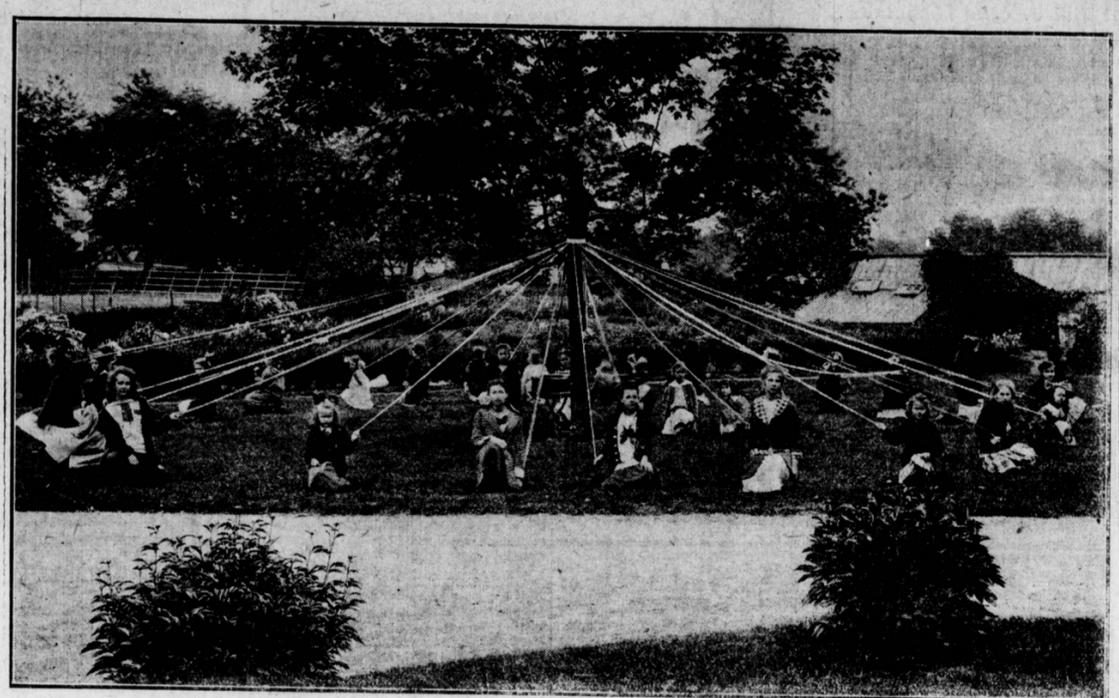
"Crazy" Jack, the human fly, or whatever you choose to call him, at 2 o'clock this afternoon scaled the outside of the Capitol dome, scrambled up the pillars surmounting the top-most railing and then shinned up the cone-shaped masonry on which the statue of "Miss Penn" rests in her golden splendor.

After touching the gold ball on which the figure of "Miss Penn" rests, "Crazy" Jack turned to the half-horizontally, half-admiring crowd and shouted that he would give an exhibition to-morrow, but his great distance from the crowd on the plaza on the State street side of the Capitol kept his words, explaining the details of his plan, from being understood.

When some of his shouted words reached the ears of the assembled spectators the suspense was broken and mighty cheers were his reward. In the crowd were members of the House of Representatives who had just taken a recess of a few hours for lunch; State officials and other Capitol Hill employees

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GIRLS WHO WILL DANCE AT THE CARNIVAL IN STEELTON



This group of very young folks, daughters of prominent men of Steelton, some of their fathers being officials of the Pennsylvania Steel Company, represents one set of May pole dancers who will take part in the Steelton Civic Club's carnival to be held next Saturday afternoon and evening, in Second street. The young folks yesterday afternoon posed for the camera on the lawn at the Pine street home of J. V. W. Reynders, superintendent of the steel plant. This is only one of the many features of the "home talent" carnival that is to be given for the benefit of the traveling nurse's fund of the borough. Society folk of both Steelton and Harrisburg are showing great interest in the affair.

DEFERS NAMING COMMISSIONERS

Governor May, However, Announce His Public Service Board To-night

BOTH BRANCHES READY TO QUIT

House and Senate Have Their Calendars in Shape to Permit Final Adjournment of the General Assembly At Noon To-morrow

It was expected that Governor Brumbaugh would send to the Senate to-day the names of the men he has selected for Public Service Commissioners to succeed those nominated by Governor Tener, which were recalled some time ago by Governor Brumbaugh, but announcement was made from the Executive Department at noon that there would be no appointments of commissioners to-day, although a few minor appointments may be sent in. It is possible that the Governor may take action at to-night's session of the Senate which will meet to take action on conference committee reports and for a general clearing up of odds and ends.

Both the Senate and House have cleaned up their calendars and will be ready to adjourn at noon to-morrow after to-night's finishing touches. Action on the workmen's compensation bills to-day will be completed without any fiction, as the amendments made in the Senate are of minor importance and do not affect the general purpose of the bill.

The Legislative Steering Committee had a conference with Governor Brumbaugh this morning and it was said that the revenue bills would be passed practically as agreed upon, including the escheat and stock transfer tax measures.

M'CALEB IS APPOINTED AS A GAME COMMISSIONER

Governor Brumbaugh this afternoon sent to the Senate the following appointments:

Members of the Board of Game Commissioners of Pennsylvania—George D. Gideon, Philadelphia; W. B. McCaleb, Harrisburg; John M. Phillips, Pittsburgh, and J. S. Speer, St. Mary's.

Trustees of the State Asylum for the Chronic Insane of Pennsylvania, at Wernersville—S. P. Light, Lebanon; Henry M. Dechert, Philadelphia; Savery Bradley, Philadelphia; Jacob M. Shenk, Lebanon; Walter T. Bradley, Philadelphia, and Daniel J. Driscoll, Reading.

Members of the State Board of Undertakers—J. Lewis Good, Philadelphia; C. C. A. Baldi, Philadelphia, and Samuel Foster, Philadelphia.

Trustees to administer law providing payments to indigent, widowed or abandoned mothers, in the county of

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MAY ISSUE BONDS TO PAY OPPERMAN

City Hard Put to Find Means of Settling Award Made by Sewer Case Arbitrators

ONLY \$12,000 IS LEFT IN FUND

Amount Awarded to Contractor, Plus Costs, Exceeds That Sum By About \$18,000—City Has Still a Borrowing Capacity of \$600,000

Conceding that the city cannot legally question the amount of the \$22,767.09 award made by the arbitrators to William H. Opperman, contractor for extra work in connection with building the river front intercepting sewer—an amount the size of which startled the City Commissioners yesterday and which Commissioner Lynch declared is much in excess of the amount for which Opperman once agreed to settle—officials to-day turned their attention to discussing sources from which to obtain money with which to pay the award.

The balance in the 1910 sewer loan out of which the sewer was built will approximate something like \$12,000 after the sewer protective wall job is paid for. It was from this balance the city figured on paying Opperman for

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GAS FROM PIPE IGNITES

Fire Companies Are Called Out When William Heller Tries to Connect Meter

William J. Heller, who is moving with his family to 624 Curtin street, tried to connect a gas meter at that place this afternoon without skilled assistance, but he did not meet with success. While endeavoring to make the proper adjustments he allowed the gas to escape in some quantity from the pipe. The gas was then ignited by a candle which he was using during the operation.

The flames shot out wildly for a while, but did no damage. The fire companies of the district responded to an alarm sent in from box 56, Seventh and Curtin streets, but their services were not needed. An employe of the gas company will connect the meter.

Boys and Girls! Uncle Harry Talks To-day On "What the U. S. Is Learning"

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BRITISH CABINET REORGANIZATION

Sweeping Changes May Follow the Resignation of Lord Fisher From the Admiralty

ASQUITH TO STAY AT PRESENT POST

A Coalition Cabinet, Composed of Men of All Political Parties, Believed to Be Probable Solution of Government's Difficulties

By Associated Press.

London, May 19, 4.45 P. M.—Premier Asquith announced in the House of Commons to-day that steps were in contemplation which involved a reorganization of the government upon a broader personal and political basis.

London, May 19.—The resignation of the veteran sailor, Lord Fisher, from the post of first sea lord of the admiralty, because he and his nominal civilian superior, Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, have been unable to work together, is probably the first step toward a sweeping reorganization of the British government.

A coalition cabinet, composed of the strongest men of both political parties, is believed to be the probable solution of the government's difficulties. There is no question of a complete change of the government, but the retirement of several members of the liberal cabinet to make way for the strongest men of the conservative party is confidently expected.

Premier Asquith will remain at the head of the government in any event, with Lord Kitchener and Sir Edward Grey, respectively the war and foreign ministers in undisputed possession of

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BRITISH STEAMER DUMCREE TORPEDOED; CREW IS SAVED

Cardiff, Wales, May 19, Via London, 12.31 P. M.—The British steamer Dumcree, which left Barry yesterday, has been torpedoed in the English channel. The members of her crew have been saved.

The Dumcree was of 2,557 tons net register and 374 feet long. She was owned in Liverpool.

It was due to the bravery shown by the crew of a Norwegian steamer that the passengers and crew of the Dumcree were rescued. The Dumcree was first torpedoed when off the Cornish coast yesterday, but the projectile failed to sink her. She was taken in tow by the Norwegian steamer, but the Norwegian started in pursuit and the submarine cast her off.

A second torpedo finished the Dumcree. She was sinking rapidly when the Norwegian vessel, perceiving her peril, returned and took off the passengers and crew.

RUSSIAN FORCES APPEAR TO HAVE COLLAPSED AFTER ROUT ON 200-MILE FRONT

London, May 19.—"Never since the war began has any one day brought so grave a bulletin as that received late last night," says the Petrograd correspondent of the "Post."

"On this occasion, for the first time since hostilities opened, I failed to find any indications that suggest a promising set-off to what on its face seems something like a collapse of the Russian forces. Over a front extending some 200 miles the Germans have caused the Russians to retreat.

"After the experiences of the past few months this seems almost incredible and almost compels the belief that the best part of the truth about the entire situation remains hidden. The official organ conveys the impression that what the Russians have done is only to succeed in escaping annihilation by a series of more or less mastery movements to the rear. It is admitted that the German plan of compelling the abandonment of an invasion of Hungary by a fierce onslaught from Cracow has been successful."

"The Petrograd correspondent of the 'Telegraph' says it would be absurd to pretend that the situation developed on the Russian front in the last three weeks is anything but uncomfortable for in almost every direction the Teutonic allies seem to be gaining ground rapidly. He asserts, however, that there is no need for pessimism for the German successes are due entirely to the possession of strategic railways which enable them to concentrate rapidly in any desired direction."

8 PERISH WHEN CANADIAN SUBMARINE RAMS VESSEL

Ottawa, Ont., May 19.—Eight of the fourteen members of the crew of the small government steamer Christine were drowned when that steamer was rammed and sunk by an unnamed vessel off the Island of Orleans last night.

The vessel sank within three minutes and the crew were unable to launch a lifeboat or don life preservers. Six of them were saved by another vessel.

Quebec, May 19.—The little government steamer Christine, which was sunk with a loss of eight lives in a collision last night, was rammed by a Canadian submarine. How the submarine came to ram the steamer was not disclosed.

ALLIES LAND FRESH TROOPS AT KUM KALE, DARDANELLES

London, May 19.—An Athens dispatch says it is reported at Mytilene that the allies disembarked fresh troops Monday night near Kum Kale on the Asiatic coast of the Dardanelles.

It also has been learned there that the Turks on the Gallipoli peninsula who for weeks have lacked artillery ammunition have obtained an abundant supply of shells in the past few days.

Kaiser Sees His Soldiers Fight

Amsterdam, Via London, May 19.—An official statement issued in Berlin says Emperor William was present Sunday while fighting was in progress on the eastern front, first with the general staff and later with a division which was struggling to force a crossing of the San river.

ITALY READY TO RECALL DIPLOMATS

U. S. Asked to Care For Her Interests in Vienna, and For Austria's in Rome

PASSPORTS NOT YET DEMANDED

Foreign Minister Sonnino Is Reported to Have Received Additional Offers of Territorial Concessions From the Austrian Government

By Associated Press.

Washington, May 19.—Both Austria and Italy have asked the United States to care for their diplomatic interests in Rome and Vienna, respectively, in the event of a severance of diplomatic relations. The Washington government has instructed its embassies at the two capitals to be in readiness to do so.

It is regarded here as assured that if Italy and Austria declare a state of war it will be extended also as between Italy and Germany and Turkey. In that event the Rome government wishes the American Ambassadors at Berlin and Constantinople to take over its diplomatic interests.

Rome, May 19, 8.25 P. M., Via Paris, May 19, 1.45 P. M.—At the Austrian and German embassies to-night denial was made of the reports that Prince Von Bielow, the German Ambassador, and Baron Von Macechio, the Austrian Ambassador, have demanded their passports, or that their departure is imminent.

Rome, May 18, Via Paris, May 19.—Foreign Minister Sonnino is reported to have informed the Council of Ministers at its session this evening that offers of additional territorial concessions had been received from Austria.

Rome, May 19.—It is said here that Austria already has decided to entrust to the United States the protection of her subjects in Italy in the event of war, which is considered inevitable. Owing to the feeling caused in the United States by the sinking of the Lusitania Germany is reported to have decided to ask Switzerland to undertake the same task for German subjects and property in this country.

Rupture Believed Imminent

Rome, Via Paris, May 19.—The Austrian and German Ambassadors presented a verbal note when they called upon Foreign Minister Sonnino yesterday

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49 PERSONS SLAIN BY POLICE AND TROOPS IN POLA UPRISING

Rome, May 19.—Forty persons were killed and several hundred wounded by the police and Austrian troops in quelling the uprising in Pola, according to the 'Idea Nazionale.'

Homes of Italian subjects are said to have been sacked by the authorities.

No Submarine Chased Transylvania

New York, May 19.—The Cunard Line made public to-day the following cablegram received from its representative in Glasgow. "Absolutely no foundation for report that Transylvania has been chased by a submarine or any attempt made to torpedo her."

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

Information from various sources indicate that the defeat of the Russians in Galicia has reached serious proportions. British correspondents at Petrograd, who heretofore have been willing to concede little to the Austrians and Germans, admit that the Russians have been forced to retreat along a 200-mile line, and in one case it is said the situation on its face seems something like a collapse of the Russian forces. The statement is made, however, that the Germans and Austrians have not thus far won a victory of decisive strategic significance, and that their losses have been enormous. Austria is reported to have offered further territorial grants in the hope

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WALL STREET CLOSING

New York, May 19.—A five point rise in one of the speculative coppers was the only feature of the late trading. The closing was firm. Trading was again at a standstill to-day, pending further developments abroad.