



## TORPEDO OR MINE STRIKE NEBRASKAN?

### Examination Necess- ary to Determine What Damaged U. S. Vessel Off Ireland

## "NO WARNING, SAW NOTHING"

Thus Reports Captain Green, of Disabled Vessel, in Message to Consul Skinner at London—President Wilson Awaits More Definite News

By Associated Press.  
Washington, May 27.—Messages received by the State Department today from Ambassador Page and Consul General Skinner at London and Consul Frost at Queenstown, failed to say definitely whether the steamer Nebraskan had been torpedoed or had struck a mine. One of the dispatches said the Nebraskan's American flag had been hauled down five minutes before she was struck, although her name was painted on her sides in letters six feet high. The American naval attaché at London has been sent to Liverpool to examine the Nebraskan's hull.

### Terrific Explosion Causes Damage Consul General Skinner's message follows:

"Green, master of American steamer Nebraskan, in wireless addressed to me via London, reports:  
"Nebraskan passed Fastnet Rock Tuesday 4.32 p. m., from Liverpool bound for Delaware Breakwater in ballast. At 8.24 p. m. when steamer was about 48 miles west half south from Fastnet she experienced violent shock followed instantly by terrific explosion, bursting hatches and throwing hatch beams, cargo derricks and twisted iron into air, filling lower hold forward completely with water. Crew immediately took to boats.

**U. S. Flag Hauled Down**  
"After standing by ship one hour returned on board and at 10.30 started for Liverpool. About 1.25 a. m. met two vessels sent by British Admiralty in answer to our wireless call. One has been in attendance ever since.  
"It was dusk when the explosion occurred. Flag had been hauled down five minutes before. Steamer's name painted on both sides of the ship in letters six feet tall. Had no warning and saw nothing."

Ambassador Page sent the following message:

"Admiralty has reported from Queenstown that the Nebraskan is now on her way to Liverpool, under her own power."  
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## DANISH STEAMER SUNK BY GERMANS; CREW RESCUED

South Shields, Eng., May 27, 2.41 P. M.—The Danish steamer Betty was torpedoed by a German submarine in the North Sea yesterday and went to the bottom. The members of her crew were rescued and have been brought to the Tyne.

The Danish steamer Betty was 281 feet long and of 1267 tons net register. She was built in 1912 and was owned in Copenhagen. She sailed from Baltimore April 19 for Copenhagen, where she arrived May 8.

## GERMANS TORPEDO MONTREAL STEAMER; 1 PERSON KILLED

Cardiff, Wales, May 27, via London, 4.26 P. M.—The steamer Morwenna of Montreal, was torpedoed and shelled by a German submarine at midday of Wednesday at a point 160 miles west by south of St. Ann's Head. One member of the crew of the vessel was killed and three were wounded. The others have been landed here.

The Morwenna was bound from Cardiff for Sydney, Cape Breton, in ballast. The Belgian trawler Jaquelinee picked up the crew.

The Morwenna, a British steamer, was built at Dundee in 1904. She was 260 feet long and was owned by the St. Lawrence Shipping Company, of Montreal. The maritime records show that she left Cardiff, May 25. St. Ann's Head is in Wales, in Pembrokeshire. A distance of 160 miles west by south of this location would have placed the Morwenna not far from Old Head of Kinsale, where the Cunard liner Lusitania was torpedoed, May 7.

**King of Greece Getting Better**  
Washington, May 27.—King Constantine's condition is improving, according to a physician's bulletin issued last night and received today at the Greek legation here.

## MISS NICHOLS HERE IN 'SWEETHEARTS' COMPANY

Young Woman Who Was Bridesmaid at Smith-Knisely Wedding Last Fall Will Be Warmly Welcomed When She Appears To-night

Many of the younger social set of Harrisburg who met Miss Jessie Nichols, of New York City, when she spent several weeks in Harrisburg preceding the wedding of Miss Mary Esther Knisely, daughter of the late Arch G. Knisely, to Mr. Paul G. Smith, which took place on last Thanksgiving Day and at which Miss Nichols was a bridesmaid, are planning to give her a warm welcome when she appears on the stage at the Majestic Theatre this evening with Miss Christie MacDonald in "Sweethearts."

Miss Nichols has been on the stage only six weeks, having started out with the "Sweethearts" company when it left New York about the middle of last month. However, she has been entrusted with an important role in which she sings well and dances with rare grace.

Miss Nichols conducted a dancing class in New York for several years and it was her skill and experience thus gained that won for her a coveted place in the company with Miss MacDonald. She already has a "speaking

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## RECEIVERS APPOINTED FOR ZARTMAN LUMBER COMPANY

Order Affecting Concern Having Extensive Camps in Mountains Near Dauphin Is Issued by Federal Judge Witmer

The W. P. Zartman Lumber Company, which for years has operated lumber camps near Dauphin, in the upper end of this county, and conducted a similar business in Northumberland, Clinton and other counties of Pennsylvania, was placed under a receivership by an order issued yesterday by Judge Charles B. Witmer, sitting in the Middle District Federal Court, in Sunbury.

Mercer B. Tate and John E. Witmer, of this city, were appointed receivers on petition of Senator E. E. Baideman, who represents creditors who allege that the company's assets amount to several hundred thousand dollars, but that they are exceeded by the liabilities.

Zartman, who for years has engaged extensively in the lumber business, is a resident of Shamokin. Harrisburg lawyers recently have entered a score of judgments, totaling \$26,146.77, against the lumber dealer. In some of these judgments, however, Zartman is but a party defendant, other persons sharing the liabilities with him. The individual judgments range from \$200 to \$5,000 in size.

## 20 HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES NAMED AS A FIRE PATROL

Appointed This Afternoon by New Principal Who Is Disgusted With Drill Held Yesterday — "Girls First" Is to Be Slogan of the Corps

Because he is dissatisfied with the results of a fire drill held yesterday at the Central High school, Howard G. Dibble, the new principal, this afternoon appointed twenty of the school's athletes to serve on a fire patrol which will direct future drills and be responsible for the safe conduct of the students from the building in case of actual fire.

## CROWDED OUT OF CAPITOL

State Game Commission Compelled to Take Quarters in Locust Street This is moving day for the State Game Commission. For years the Commission has been confined to one room in the Capitol, but the growth of the many duties imposed on it by new laws has led to the demand for larger quarters, especially since the seal bounty law has required more help and greater room and the hunters' license law has added to the work.

To-day the Commission's quarters were removed to the fourth floor of the Franklin building, on Locust street, next door to the Orpheum, where the business will be transacted probably until the Capitol is enlarged.

## SUE RAILROAD FOR \$15,000

Mother and Son Seek That Amount For Loss of the Latter's Leg

A claim for \$15,000 damage, \$10,000 for the son and \$5,000 for his mother—is made in a damage suit filed today against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company by Earl E. Kreiser, 12 years old, the Royaltan lad whose foot had to be amputated following an accident in which a freight car passed over the limb on a siding within sight of his home on May 15, last.

## REVIVE ROMANCE OF 40 YEARS AGO

James Walker, 66, and Miss Matilda Elder, Childhood Sweethearts, Soon to Wed

## BOTH RAISED NEAR PAXTANG

After Courting Miss Elder in Youth He Married Another Woman, But He Is a Widower Now and Friends Let It Out that Wedding Day Is Near

A romance begun more than two score years ago when they were children together on the Rutherford farms, near what is now Rutherford Heights, will culminate in the wedding in the near future of Miss Matilda Elder, sister of Mrs. Francis Rutherford, and James Walker, 66 years old, a widower, who has long been a trusted employe of the Boyd estate. Miss Elder resides with Mrs. Rutherford in the latter's home in Rutherford lane, a mile east of Paxtang.

News of the wedding plans has been confided to close friends, although the date for the marriage and the details of the ceremony have not yet been arranged. Formal announcement of the engagement has not yet been made, but a niece of Miss Elder this morning confirmed the news.

Both Miss Elder and Mr. Walker were born on the Rutherford farms and have resided in that section of the county ever since. They were playmates and later sweethearts, Mr. Walker having courted Miss Elder two score years ago. Despite their childhood romance there was no wedding of the pair and Mr. Walker, after some years, married another woman. He is a widower now, the old love has been rekindled and announcement of the wedding date is expected soon.

Mr. Walker, who boards in the household of Mrs. George Shearer, on Peifer's lane, just east of Paxtang, at present is engaged in building a storehouse on the Boyd estate. He will fill a clerkship there on the building's completion. Mr. Walker has been employed on the Boyd estate ever since his youth. His one son is also employed there.

## SLEUTHS TO BE BUSY AT BRETHREN CONFERENCE

Large Crowds at Hershey Next Week Will Be Protected From Artful Dodgers by Detectives and by Detail From State Constabulary

(Special to the Star-Independent.)  
Hershey, May 27.—The services of a detail of eight members of the State Constabulary, three mounted and five on foot, as well as of experienced plain clothes detectives from various cities, have been secured to protect the large crowds which will be in the chocolate town during next week's Church of the Brethren conference and which on one day, Sunday, June 6, are expected to reach thirty thousand persons.

The detectives will be posted particularly in the cars of the Hershey Rapid Transit Company, which will be crowded at practically all trips in all directions and will keep constantly on the lookout for artful dodgers and other crooks.

Very seldom in the history of the chocolate town has there been such a busy season as is noticeable here at present. In a few days hundreds of the Brethren denomination will arrive for their annual gathering. Nearly all the preparations are complete with the exception of the massive tabernacle in

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## DOG SCARES A BURGLAR

Causes Thief to Flee After Getting Only \$1 at Home of One-Time Head of Council

Thieves last evening broke into two places, a residence and a candy store, got several dollars and fled without the police knowing of their presence. At the home of Charles Steiner, 817 North Sixth street, \$1 was taken. At the candy store of R. V. Fairlamb & Company, 208 Market street, both cash registers were rifled and something like \$3 stolen.

After ransacking the first floor of the Steiner home, the intruder went upstairs and poked his head into Steiner's sleeping room. A dog roused the family, but the thief ran and escaped before an effort could be made to apprehend him.

After the \$3 was taken, something like \$1 in change was left in one of the cash registers in the Fairlamb store and this led to the belief that the thieves were frightened away before they finished their job.

## WHERE AUSTRIA MADE FIRST AERIAL ATTACK ON ITALY



THE ARSENAL AT VENICE.

Austrian aeroplanes in their first demonstration against Italy attacked the arsenal at Venice and other points along the Italian coast. Anti-aircraft guns at Venice drove away the Austrians and little beyond material damage was inflicted at any point attacked by aeroplanes. Venice is one of the nearest points of attack from Pola and Trieste, and has long been reported as the first point of attack for the Austro-Hungarian forces, and in anticipation of just such an attack as that delivered the Italians have revised the defences of the place during the last six months by the addition of 10 and 11-inch guns.

## ITALIANS CROSS ISONZO RIVER AFTER SHARP FIGHT WITH AN AUSTRIAN FORCE

Geneva, Switzerland, May 27, Via Paris, 2.25 P. M.—A strong Italian advance guard to-day crossed the Isonzo river after a sharp fight with an Austrian force and arrived before the town of Monfalcone which is thirty miles from the Austrian seaport of Trieste.

The first of the Austrian wounded are now arriving at the latter place. The Italians also attacked at several points along the forty miles of the Carinthian frontier. A battle between the Italians and Austrians now is raging around Ploken and also west of the Praedil pass in Austria. In Adige the fighting has been limited to skirmishes.

Italian forces which penetrated the Tyrol at Cardino and other Italian arms which captured Cormons had re-constructed the railway and are now marching on Gorz, the capital of the Austrian crown land of Gorz and Gradisca.

Both the Austrian and Italian aviation services are very active along the frontier. Many machines have been gathered at Venice to protect that city. A Parsival airship arrived by rail at Trent yesterday from Munich, Bavaria. A Zeppelin dirigible balloon is reported to be preparing to follow it shortly from Friedrichshafen.

Several regiments of Bavarian Alpine troops yesterday crossed Brenner pass, which is 4,485 feet high, bound for Bosen.

Between Salsburg and Innsbruck forty-five trains are passing daily, transporting men and material. Swiss patrols are marking the eastern frontiers of Switzerland with flags to prevent incidents.

## BRISK WIND KEEPS FROST FROM DOING DAMAGE HERE

Minimum Temperature of Forty Degrees Reported Last Night—Weather Bureau Officials Predict Frost To-night in Exposed Places

Unusual falls in temperature which carried the mercury within six degrees of the May minimum temperature record will continue here to-night and into to-morrow, causing frost in exposed places to-night. Heavy damage was done in the lake region and the Middle Atlantic States by frost last night.

The minimum temperature here last night was 40 degrees. No frost was reported here, probably due to a brisk wind which was blowing. With the abatement of the wind Weather Bureau officials expect frost in exposed places to-night. On May 2, 1903, the absolute minimum temperature for twenty-seven years, 33 degrees, was established.

While frost is expected to-night, warmer weather is promised Friday. Temperatures close to the freezing point were recorded in places in the lake region and the Middle Atlantic States, while a warm rain was falling in the central valleys.

Overcoats and winter bed clothes which were put in the moth chest for the summer were resurrected last night when the cold overtook the city and will be put to good use again to-night.

**Ice Formed at Lockport, N. Y.**  
Lockport, N. Y., May 27.—A killing white frost, which put a coat of ice on

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**Vigilance Committee For Paxtang**  
Determined to put an end to the many robberies that have occurred in the borough in the last few months, residents of Paxtang declared today that they proposed to organize a group of volunteer watchmen to go on night duty. The plan is to have at least half a dozen men remain on the streets of the town each night and lie in wait for the thieves.

## RAMMED RYNDAM AND CUNEO IN PORT

Dreadnought South Carolina Escorts Former Vessel and Passengers to New York

## WARSHIP'S FAST RUN TO RESCUE

Holland-American Liner's Passengers Asleep When the Cuneo Struck the Ryndam—When Vessel Settles Lifeboats Were Entered Orderly

By Associated Press.

New York, May 27.—The Holland-American liner Ryndam was safe in port here to-day with passengers and crew once more on board after a collision and a narrow escape from destruction early Wednesday morning off Nantucket shoals lightship. The Norwegian freighter Joseph J. Cuneo, which rammed the Ryndam, was creeping in with ten feet of her bow crumpled by the impact.

Four transfers, two at sea and two in New York harbor, left 62 of the 74 passengers who sailed from New York on the Ryndam Tuesday afternoon back again aboard the Dutch liner. These passengers and 150 members of the Ryndam's crew who were taken aboard by the Cuneo at 4.30 Wednesday morning, half an hour after the two steamers collided.

## Rescue Vessel's Fast Run

At 6.30 a. m. the Cuneo transferred the rescued passengers and seamen to the United States battleship South Carolina, which distanced three other battleships of the Atlantic fleet in a race started by the call for help from the wireless aboard the Ryndam. The South Carolina brought the shipwrecked company to this port and transferred them at 1.30 to the steamer Thomas J. Millard of Tompkinsville.

Meanwhile the Ryndam, with fifty of her crew aboard, came in under con-

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## U. S. WARSHIPS IN BIG GALE

Rhode Island and Nebraska Considerably Damaged When They Scrape Each Other In Storm

By Associated Press.

Newport, R. I., May 27.—The battleship Rhode Island dragged her anchors during a heavy gale that swept Narragansett bay last night and was blown against the battleship Nebraska, carrying away a portion of the bridge and injuring some of the guns on the latter ship. Both vessels lost considerable side gear.

Hundreds of officers and men of the Atlantic fleet were forced to spend the night ashore, as the wind was so high that the launches could not put out to the ships.

**Dogs Attack and Kill Four Calves**  
The County Commissioners will be asked to pay damages for the loss of five calves that were torn to pieces on Tuesday night by a pack of half a dozen savage dogs that were roaming about on the farm of Albert Detweiler, near Oberlin, so attorneys said today. One of the calves died within a few minutes of the attack, three others since have died and the fifth, it is reported, cannot live.

## ZEPPELINS IN RAID KILL 3 IN SOUTH END

Town In England Is Visited by German Airships For the Second Time

## BRITISH CHASE THE INVADERS

Latter Were Pursued By Aeroplanes But Succeeded In Making Their Escape—Little Material Damage Was Done By the Bombs

South End, Eng., May 27, 10.35 A. M.—Another Zeppelin airship raid was made upon this town last night and it is reported that three persons were killed by bombs which were dropped. The entire town was illuminated by the bursting of shells dropped by the aircraft. The material damage caused appears to have been less than on the occasion of the last raid. Among the killed was Mrs. May Fabin, who was here on a visit. A number of people, however, were injured.

Some reports say that two and others three Zeppelins took part in the raid. It is, however, impossible to give the number accurately because of the heavy cloud through which the moon shone but duly at the time of the attack.

**Some of the Missiles Incendiary**  
The noise of the propellers of the airships was first heard shortly before 11 o'clock. Then came at once the shock of the explosions as the bombs rained down from above. Some of the missiles were incendiary and threw out bright flares of light.

Crowds assembled in the streets of South End to view the raiders. The killing of Mrs. Fabin occurred while the woman was leaving a street car. It is recalled that on the previous raid the only victim was a woman.

British aeroplanes went up in pursuit of the raiders but were not successful in overtaking them. Some time later two Zeppelins were seen over Burnham-on-Crouch, seven miles to the northeast of South End, but no more bombs were dropped.

## Two Women Reported Killed

London, May 27, 11.50 A. M.—The secretary of the admiralty has issued a statement on the South End raid which, contrary to a dispatch from South End says two women were killed in the air raid on that place last night. It reads:

"Late last night a Zeppelin visited the east coast, and bombs were dropped on South End. The casualties reported to-day are two women killed and one child badly injured. Very little material damage was done. Aeroplanes and aeroplanes proceeded in pursuit of the enemy but the Zeppelin succeeded in escaping in an easterly direction."

South End, which is a municipal borough and popular seaside resort at the mouth of the Thames, forty miles east of London, has been the target of Zeppelin raiders several times in the past six months. On no previous occasions, however, have the results been serious.

## To Maintain Strict Neutrality

London, May 27.—Sweden, Norway and Denmark have sent to Italy, Germany and Austria, following their declaration of war, formal notification of the Scandinavian nations' determination to maintain strict neutrality.

## LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

Italian forces, pushing into Austria along the front running north of the gulf of Trieste, crossed the Isonzo river to-day, after a sharp encounter. They are now said to be within 30 miles of Trieste. The Italians also are attacking at several points farther north, along the Carinthian frontier.

A squadron of 18 aeroplanes, carrying bombs were reported as having struck into Germany to-day and performed one of the most spectacular feats of the war. The raid was directed at one of the principal manufacturers of explosives in Germany, on the Rhine opposite Mannheim. The official French statement says the attack was successful and several buildings were set on fire by the bombs.

Infantry fighting is proceeding along the France-Belgian front principally on the western end but the official re-

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**Immersion at Nagle Street**  
The Rev. J. A. Staub, pastor of the Nagle Street Church of God, immersed six candidates for membership at the Nagle Street Church of God on Sunday.

## WALL STREET CLOSING

By Associated Press.  
New York, May 27 (Wall Street).—The Pacific group moved contrarily in the later dealings, Union Pacific and Southern Pacific falling back, while Great Northern and Northern Pacific advanced. The closing was firm. Trading in stocks to-day was again mainly professional and inconclusive. Copper was the chief feature.