

THE MOEWE SAFE IN GERMAN PORT

Captured Fifteen Ships and Sunk Most of Them.

REMARKABLE WAR EXPLOIT

Two Of Captured Vessels Named in Commander's Report Not Previously Reported—Through Lines Of British Patrol Ships.

Berlin.—Official announcement is made by the naval general staff that the German commerce raider Moeve returned to a German port. She had on board 139 prisoners and 1,000,000 marks in gold bars. The statement follows:

"The naval general staff states that H. M. S. Moeve, Commander Captain Burggrave Count Von Dohna-Schlotdinn, after a successful cruise lasting several months, arrived at some home port with four British officers, 29 British marines and sailors, 16 men of crews of enemy steamers, among them 103 Indians, as prisoners, and 1,000,000 marks in gold bars.

"The vessel captured the following enemy steamers, the greater part of which were sunk and a small part of which were sent as prizes to neutral ports:

"The British steamers Corbridge, 5,687 tons; Author, 3,496 tons; Trader, 3,508 tons; Ariadne, 3,305 tons; Dromby, 3,627 tons; Farringford, 3,146 tons; Clan MacLachlan, 3,360 tons; Ap-pam, 7,781 tons; Westburn, 3,360 tons; Horace, 3,335 tons; Flamenco, 4,629 tons; Saxon Prince, 3,471 tons.

"The British sailing vessel Edinburgh, 1,473 tons.

"The French steamer Maroni, 3,169 tons.

"The Belgian steamer Luxembourg, 4,322 tons.

"At several points on enemy coast the Moeve also laid out mines to which, among others, the battleship King Edward VII fell victim."

Count von Dohna, the Moeve's commander, has been awarded the Iron Cross of the first class and the members of the crew have received the Iron Cross of the second class. Count von Dohna has been ordered to meet Emperor William at headquarters.

TUMULTY IS CAUSTIC.

Denies That President Wilson Has Any Intention Of Resigning.

Washington.—Aroused by the publication of reports that President Wilson, because of the strain of the foreign situation, was considering resigning from office, the White House today issued this formal statement: "When Secretary Tumulty's attention was called to the story appearing in certain papers that the President had resigned or was considering resigning, he said: 'An American newspaper that would publish a story of that kind in a situation like the one which now confronts America dishonors itself.'"

250,000 TONS SUGAR ON WAY.

Shipment From Hawaii To New York Valued At \$25,000,000.

Chicago.—The first transoceanic shipment of a single commodity ever made passed through Chicago Saturday. It was sugar from Hawaii. The entire consignment, most of which goes to New York refineries, weighs 250,000 tons, is valued at \$25,000,000 and the freight charges will be in the neighborhood of \$3,000,000. The entire consignment will require 4,000 freight cars, or 120 solid trains.

ASKS NOBEL PRIZE FOR BRYAN.

Austrian Says Munitions Embargo Would Have Stopped War.

Zurich.—Dr. Alois Hellinger, a prominent member of the Austrian Parliament, has addressed a letter to the Nobel committee at Stockholm, recommending that the Nobel peace prize for 1916 be awarded to William J. Bryan, for his endeavors to stop American export of munitions. Dr. Hellinger writes that this would have already ended the war and brought about peace negotiations under the powerful aegis of America.

TWO ZEPPELINS RAID ENGLAND.

Pass Over Northeast Coast—Damage Done Not Stated.

London.—A Zeppelin raid was made when two hostile airships crossed over the northeast coast of England. The official statement announcing the raid gives no information as to the damage done.

GIRL SWALLOWS PIN.

Accident Occurs While She Is Hanging Curtains.

Waynesboro, Pa.—Miss Nona Rodgers, 19-year-old daughter of Constable Irvin Rodgers, Rouzerville, swallowed a pin Saturday while hanging curtains. The accident occurred when she tried to talk while holding the pin in her mouth. The pin was located in the girl's stomach by the use of X-rays by Dr. Croft, Waynesboro. It has not yet been removed.

EXPLOSION ON PEBBLE.

Six Men Injured On United States Torpedo-Boat Destroyer.

San Diego, Cal.—Six seamen working in the hold of the United States torpedo-boat destroyer Peble were badly burned through the explosion of gasoline. One of the men was said to be in a serious condition. All the injured were removed to the mother ship Iris and given medical treatment. A the time of the accident the Peble was tied up at the municipal yard undergoing repairs to a damaged rudder.

3,000 LIVES LOST ON CRUISER PROVENCE

Greatest Ocean Disaster of Modern Times.

4,000 TROOPS ON BOARD

Only 270 Saved—Loss Of Life Double That On Titanic—Cruiser On Way To Saloniki When Sunk In Mediterranean.

Paris.—It was announced at the French Ministry of Marine that there were nearly 4,000 men on board the French auxiliary cruiser Provence, which was sunk in the Mediterranean on February 25.

It was stated that on board the Provence were the staff of the Third Colonial Infantry Regiment, the Third Battalion, the Second Company of the First Battalion, the Second Machine Gun Company, and one extra company, in all nearly 4,000 men.

Only 870 Reported Saved.

As the Ministry of Marine on February 29 announced that the number of survivors of the Provence disaster was estimated at 870, it is indicated by the foregoing dispatch that approximately 3,130 lives were lost.

The loss of more than 3,000 lives in the sinking of the Provence is the greatest ocean disaster of modern times. Up to the present the largest number of lives ever lost in one wreck was when the White Star liner Titanic struck an iceberg off the Newfoundland banks on April 14, 1912, and sank with a death loss of 1,595. The rescued numbered 743.

The French Ministry of Marine had previously issued no statement as to the number of persons on the Provence when she went down. The vessel, however, when in the trans-Atlantic service could carry 1,960 persons, including the crew, and it has been presumed that, as she was transporting troops between ports not far apart, she was carrying a number of men larger than her normal capacity.

The official statement announcing the sinking of the Provence said:

"The French auxiliary cruiser Provence II (so designated to distinguish her from the French battleship Provence), engaged in transporting troops to Saloniki, was sunk in the Mediterranean on February 25. Two hundred and ninety-six survivors have been brought to Malta and about 400 to Melos by French and British patrol vessels summoned by wireless.

"No signs of a submarine were noticed either before or after the sinking. La Provence was armed with five cannon of 14 centimetres, two of 57 millimetres and four of 47 millimetres.

Losses In Similar Disasters.

Among the other great sea disasters, in addition to the Titanic, already mentioned, are:

The Cunard Line steamship Lusitania, which was torpedoed by a German submarine and sunk off the head of Kinsale, Ireland, on May 7, 1915, with the loss of 1,206 lives.

The burning of the excursion steamship General Slocum in the East River, New York, June 15, 1904, when nearly 1,600 persons met their death.

The French line steamship La Bourgoigne, sunk in collision with the steamship Cromartyshire, July 4, 1898, with the loss of 580 lives.

The Japanese liner Kiokee Maru, sunk off the coast of Japan, September 28, 1912, with the loss of 1,000 lives.

The Canadian-Pacific steamship Empress of Ireland, sunk in collision with the Danish collier Storstad in the St. Lawrence river, May 29, 1914, with the loss of more than 1,000 lives.

The burning of the Uranium Line steamship Volturno in mid-ocean on October 8, 1913, with the loss of 136 lives.

THE COUNTRY AT LARGE

The budget of the city government of Chicago calls for \$71,500,000.

The fight against flood waters in the district which includes Vicksburg, Miss., was regarded as practically ended.

G. W. Palmer, who was United States consul at the island of Crete during the Civil War and had since held important government positions in this country, died at his home, in Plattsburg, N. Y.

Relief committees in Natchez and Vidalia, La., sent out by boats a small supply of provisions for relief of flood victims and their livestock in the Black River section, where assistance apparently is most urgently needed.

United States District Judge Arthur J. Tuttle, at Detroit, dismissed the petition of the Ann Arbor Railroad to restrain the Michigan Railroad Commission from forcing it to maintain a two-cent passenger rate and proportionate freight charges.

Mrs. Henrietta Williams, widow of General J. S. (Cerro Gordo) Williams, the Mexican war veteran, died in Mt. Sterling, Ky. During the Civil War Mrs. Williams fitted out a full company of Confederate infantry at her own expense.

Delos A. Chappell, Jr., and Mrs. Jean C. Cranmer, his sister, inherit the \$1,500,000 estate of the late Delos A. Chappell, president of the Nevada-California Power Company.

The super-dreadnaught Nevada was transferred from the yards of her builders, the Fore River Shipbuilding Corporation, at Quincy, Mass., to the Navy Yard.

Dr. John Grant Lyman was arraigned in New York charged with extensive mail stock swindles. The government asked that he be held in \$100,000 bail.

THREE MOST POPULAR BOOKS THIS SEASON



CARMEN SYLVA, DOWAGER, DEAD

Queen Mother of Roumania Victim of Pneumonia.

FAMED BEAUTY AND POET

Deep Note Of Sadness That Vibrated Through Her Life Echoed In Exquisite Creations Of Her Poetical Genius.

London.—A Bucharest dispatch received by Reuter's Telegram Company by way of Amsterdam says that the Queen Mother, Elizabeth of Roumania (Carmen Sylva) died Thursday morning of pneumonia. Six physicians had been summoned in a vain hope of saving her life.

Queen Elizabeth, known the world over under her pen-name of Carmen Sylva, was 73 years old. She was undoubtedly the most gifted and brilliant among the crowned women of her time. But her rare beauty and her unusual poetical talent did not protect her from unhappiness and mental sufferings. A deep note of sadness vibrated through her life and was echoed in the most exquisite creations of her poetical genius.

Pauline Elizabeth Ottilie Louise von Neuwied was born at Neuwied, Germany, December 29, 1843, the daughter of the late Prince Hermann of Wied and the Princess Marie of Nassau.

Romantic Wedding.

The romance of her life began when she first met Prince Charles of Roumania at the royal castle in Berlin in the autumn of 1866. The Princess was a visitor at the castle, and while descending the stairs one day she slipped and would have fallen had not Prince Charles, who was ascending the stairs at that moment, caught her in his arms. Although the Prince and the Princess became greatly interested in each other, several years elapsed before he decided to ask the Princess to become his wife. They were married November 15, 1869, and she was retained with enthusiasm by the Roumanians when she entered Bucharest a few days after the wedding. With her characteristic energy, the young Princess at once began to enter into the life and spirit of her people. In a short time she became proficient in their language and thoroughly acquainted with their customs, ideas and national aspirations. In 1870 her only child, a daughter, was born, who died four years later of diphtheria. The death of her child cast a deep shadow upon the life of Carmen Sylva and increased the strain of sadness in her poetry.

Princess Elizabeth devoted herself completely to the welfare of her subjects and to her literary and artistic pursuits. She became the idol of her people and the only regret was that an heir to the throne was denied her. During the war of 1877, in which her husband and the Roumanian army fought bravely on the Russian side, Princess Elizabeth showed rare devotion by nursing and comforting the wounded soldiers in the hospitals.

NEW ORLEANS MARDI GRAS ON.

Carnival Opens With Pageant and the Momus Ball.

New Orleans.—New Orleans' 1916 Mardi Gras carnival was opened with an illuminated pageant of the Knights of Momus, in which the mythical story of Pinocchio, "The Tale of a Mariette," was portrayed in elaborately decorated floats bearing characters in costume. The parade was followed by the Momus ball.

INDICATES U-27 SUNK.

British Admiralty Refuses Full Confirmation Of Report.

London.—Though they refused full confirmation, Admiralty officials today indicated that reports that the submarine U-27, which sank the Arabic, was later destroyed by a British patrol boat are correct.

HAS \$40,000,000 WAR ORDERS.

Du Pont Powder Co. Filled Most Of Them Last Year.

Wilmington, Del.—It is stated on good authority that war orders booked by the Du Pont Powder Company have now reached an aggregate of \$400,000,000, and that the most of this business was filled during the fiscal year ended December 31, 1915.

This was the big factor in the production of the \$57,840,758 of net profits reported last year.

BATTLE OF VERDUN LIKE A MASSACRE

German Troops Rush Pell Mell to Certain Death.

BOTH SIDES SUFFER MUCH

Following the Order To Advance, No Matter What the Sacrifice May Be, the Teutons Dash Into the Artillery Fire.

Paris.—"A frightful massacre," is how German soldiers taken prisoners in the battle of Verdun describe the effect of the French artillery, machine gun and rifle fire. But the impetus of the assaulting forces was not diminished thereby during the first four days, because fresh troops were thrown into the battle unceasingly.

"Advance, no matter what the losses may be," was the order given to the German troops before the attack. This is verified by documents found on one of the captured officers.

The most critical moment in the six days' action was when the Germans gained a footing in the entrenched camp by the capture of Fort Douaumont. The least hesitation on the part of the defenders would have been disastrous. The Germans redoubled their efforts to take advantage of any confusion, but the French immediately began a counter offensive.

French infantry advanced at double quick to the trumpet charge and leaped at the first rank of the Germans with irresistible fury. The clash was murderous to both sides. The thinned French ranks were not to be denied, but went on to the second German wing, while reinforcements were hurried to their supports. The German lines wavered first west of Douaumont; then were driven out of the ruins of the fort.

A cry of triumph went up all along the French line and the ardor of the counter attack was redoubled. In the meantime an artillery duel, surpassing in intensity any previous action of the war, added to the carnage.

The battle now seems to have reached a critical point. The assaulting forces have recoiled slightly in the region of Douaumont, leaving the remnants which occupied the fort cut off and surrounded by French troops. The attacks upon the French left, at Pepper Hill (Cote du Poivre), seemed to have failed completely. However, attacks made repeatedly with such heavy masses as the Germans are constantly bringing up, it is admitted by military authorities, are always likely to make further gains, provided the officers are willing to pay the price in human life.

GEN. ARGUMENTO EXECUTED.

Credited With Being Leader Of Factions Opposing Carranza.

El Paso, Tex.—Gen. Benjamin Arguemedo, leader of the opposition to the de facto government in Durango and the La Cuna districts, was executed after court-martial at Durango City, according to a dispatch received from General Murguía, military commander of Durango state, by the Mexican consulate here.

JUDGE MAKES COUNTY "DRY."

Refuses Forty-Seven Liquor Licenses At Mercer, Pa.

Mercer, Pa.—Mercer county went dry Wednesday when Judge James A. McLaughlin refused 47 liquor license applications. Mercer is the third Pennsylvania county to be added to the "dry" list this year.

CHEWING GUM FATAL TO BOY.

Lodges In the Intestines and Causes Brain Fever.

Tarrytown, N. Y.—John, the 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Mulholland, died from chewing gum. He swallowed some of the gum and it lodged in his intestines, causing brain fever. For six days he was unconscious.

CLUMP IN WOMEN'S VOTES.

Drop Of 71,515 In Year At Chicago Municipal Primary.

Chicago.—Corrected returns of Tuesday's primaries show that the women voters showed a noticeable lack of interest. The net result was a drop of 71,515 in the feminine vote, compared with the municipal primary last year when Mayor Thompson and Judge Olsen were fighting it out. The returns show a total woman's vote of 81,121. In last year's primary the total was 152,636.

CONGRESS LINES UP WITH PRESIDENT

The Gore Resolutions Swamped in Senate.

HOUSE ALSO IN LINE

House Committee Votes Confidence. Will Submit Report Declaring Against Interference With President.

Washington.—By a vote of 68 to 14 the Senate carried out President Wilson's wish and killed Senator Gore's resolution to warn Americans off armed belligerent ships.

In the House the Foreign Affairs Committee, by a vote of 17 to 2, took the same step toward meeting fully the President's wishes. It voted to report the McLenore warning resolution with the recommendation that it be tabled. In the report the committee asserts that the constitution imposed the conduct of diplomatic negotiations on the President, and "with this practice the committee does not feel it proper for the House of Representatives to interfere."

White House Pleased.

At the White House satisfaction was expressed with the Senate's action. The debate which followed the Senate vote was sensational. Senator Lewis, the Democratic whip, pleading with Senators for moderation in their remarks, declared the Spanish War would have been averted by action in Congress similar to that taken today, and that the war was brought on by vituperative debates. Senator Clarke, Democrat of Arkansas, who voted with the Administration forces, declared their action did not represent the real sentiment of the Senate.

SAILOR INHERITS \$100,000.

Man In U. S. Service Will Serve Remainder Of Enlistment.

Boston.—Heir to a fortune of \$100,000 left by a relative in Germany, Edward P. Miller, a seaman on the destroyer Conyngham, will remain working for \$25 a month in Uncle Sam's Navy until the expiration of his four-year term, in December next. Although he may obtain his release from the service to properly take care of his fortune, Miller is satisfied with his present job, he says, and not looking for a discharge.

TRIBUNAL WOULD END WAR.

Ford Peace Body Issues Call For Neutral Conference.

Copenhagen.—The Ford permanent peace tribunal has voted to issue a call for a neutral conference designed to end the war, according to Stockholm dispatches. Formal request will be made upon each neutral nation for its co-operation. Belligerent powers will also be asked to allow delegates to attend. Ford leaders assert that they will have the active aid of the Swedish Government.

TRIBUTE TO FIRST MRS. WILSON.

President's Gift Of \$1,000 For Memorial Forwarded By Wife.

Atlanta, Ga.—A donation of \$1,000 from President Wilson to the Ellen Wilson Memorial, a fund being raised here for awarding scholarships to children in mountain sections of the South, was received by officers of the memorial. The President's personal check for that amount was inclosed in a letter from Mrs. Edith Bolling Wilson, requesting that it be added to the fund.

SIX MINERS KILLED.

Many Others Said To Be Injured In Explosion In Mine.

Kempston, W. Va.—Six miners were killed, a number injured and 33 were reported still entombed in mine No. 42 of the Davis colliery here following a terrific dust explosion. Mine rescue cars were rushed from Mahan, W. Va., and Russellton, Pa., in an effort to save those still buried. Following the explosion 26 men were brought out uninjured, carrying the bodies of the six dead.

WILL RECALL ENVOYS.

Germany and Portugal Reported To Sever Diplomatic Relations.

Berlin, via Amsterdam.—It is reported that Germany will recall its Minister to Portugal and the diplomatic relations between the two countries will be severed owing to the seizure of German ships in Portuguese harbors. Austria is expected to take a similar step.

MILLIONS FOR NAVY YARD.

Committee Favors Appropriation Of \$2,065,000 For Puget Sound.

Washington.—The Senate Naval Affairs Committee unanimously reported a \$2,065,000 appropriation to equip the Puget Sound Navy Yard for battleship construction.

U. S. S. NEVADA AIR TANK BURSTS

Three Men Injured, But Super-dreadnaught Unamaged.

Quincy, Mass.—An explosion of a compressed air tank on the new super-dreadnaught Nevada injured three men, one of them seriously. The battleship itself, which is to be formally delivered to the Government at the Charleston Navy Yard Thursday, was not damaged, according to representatives of her builders, the Fore River Shipbuilding Corporation.

STATE TREASURY GAINS \$1,100,000

Insurance and Bank Stock Taxes Paid Last Day Of Month Put February Receipts To \$4,678,817.07.

Harrisburg.—The amount of money in the State Treasury at the close of February was considered increased by over \$1,100,000 paid in for insurance and bank stock taxes, the February receipts aggregating \$4,678,817.07, the largest in months. Expenditures were not half that sum and the close of the month shows total balances of \$4,493,494.41, a pronounced gain over the close of December and the close of January.

The statement for February shows: Receipts—General fund, \$3,760,632.54; school fund, \$15,862.22; automobile license fund, \$144,577; game protection fund, \$810.77; bounty fund, \$1,669.66; fire insurance fund, \$144,664.85; total, \$4,678,817.07.

Disbursements—General fund, \$2,102,377.22; sinking, \$15,510; game protection, \$8,124; bounty fund, \$18,203; fire insurance, \$1,629.50; total, \$2,145,844.72.

Balances—General fund, \$3,187,123.64; sinking fund, \$651,110.62; school fund, \$31,010.53 (uninvested); game protection, \$337,831.28; bounty fund, \$16,360.76; fire insurance fund, \$200,048.20; total, \$4,493,494.41.

To Aid Market Conditions.

The State Commission of Agriculture named M. F. Bushong and M. T. Phillips, members of the commission, to co-operate with Secretary Patton in gathering data relative to improvement of marketing conditions in the State. The commission is planning to bring about closer relationship between farmers and people in the centers of distribution and consumption. Plans were also discussed for changes in the orchard and other demonstration work of the department which may be undertaken this spring.

Bowling Alleys May Employ Boys.

Attorney General Brown has given a decision that it would not be unlawful for minors between fourteen and sixteen years of age, to be employed in a bowling alley in a Y. M. C. A., where such bowling alley is not open to the public, but its use limited to members of such associations. The hours of such work, he holds, in all cases must be in strict conformity with the provisions of the Child Labor Act.

Hotel For Extension Of Park.

The State completed negotiations for the purchase of the old National Hotel and State Street Market from the Shellenberger estate. The hotel occupied a tavern site seventy years, and the market had been in service since 1870. The property is right behind the Capitol and will be used for Capitol Park Extension. The price was \$67,000.

Nominating Petitions Filed.

Nomination petitions were filed by James E. Loftus, of Throop, to be candidate for the Democratic nomination for Representative in Assembly from the Fourth Lackawanna District, and by J. Frank Strayer, Red Lion, to be candidate for member of the Republican State Committee from York county.

Approve P. R. R. Improvements.

Announcement was made by the Public Service Commission, of approval of the Pennsylvania Railroad's application for changes at Morrisville yards and also for the construction of the extra track from Philadelphia to Glen Loch, on the Philadelphia Division.

Company Must Improve Road.

The Public Service Commission has made an order that the Lancaster and Marietta Turnpike Road Company shall scrape and roll its roadbed and put it into good condition when the frost is out of the ground. This order was made on the complaint of the Lancaster Automobile Club.

Earn \$125,000 For School Fund.

State forestry authorities in a statement just issued, says that the State reserves, which now amount to more than a million acres, have earned \$125,000 for the State Permanent School Fund.

To Invest \$73,500 Of Penna. Funds.

The State Workmen's Insurance Fund Board authorized its chairman, State Treasurer Young, to invest in approved securities \$73,500 of the cash received from policies in the State fund. The city of Allentown took out insurance in the State fund for all of its employees.

Full Crew Argument March 23.

The Public Service Commission announced that it desired to hear argument on more extended scale on the points of law raised in the full crew law complaints. The argument will be held March 23.

Slayer Must Die On March 20.

Governor Brumbaugh issued a warrant fixing the week of March 20 for the electrocution of Martin Kristan, convicted of murder in Allegheny county.

Pardon Board Meets March 15.

The March meeting of the State Board of Pardons is announced for Wednesday, March 15.

The West Branch Hotel, at Drury Run, near Renovo, was destroyed by fire. Guests were compelled to flee in their night clothes.

Mechanics are preparing Lochiel furnace of the Pennsylvania Steel Company, idle three years, for work.

KEYSTONE STATE IN SHORT ORDER

Latest News Happenings Gathered From Here and There.

TOLD IN SHORT PARAGRAPHS

Two women, both over seventy-five years old, with their clothing on fire and the settee on which they were sitting ablaze was the sight which greeted Dr. W. H. Miller when he entered the home of Mrs. Hannah Bardo and Mrs. Mary Steele, of Williamsport, to make a professional call. Dr. Miller had rang the doorbell and receiving no response entered the house and passed to the dining room, where the women were found. He extinguished the fire in their clothing with a blanket and then dragged the settee out of the house. Both women are expected to recover.

State Compensation Referee Houck, of the Eastern District, has rendered a far-reaching decision refusing compensation to Sheridan M. March, a plasterer, of Bangor, who was injured while working in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Groner, of Bangor, by the breaking of a scaffold. The decision is to the effect that March was employed as a casual employa, inasmuch as he was not working "in the regular course of the business of the employer." Groner is a shoe salesman.

Mr. and Mrs. David Stambaugh, aged residents of the village of Elliptsburg, Perry county, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their home. They lived some distance from any houses, and the flames, which are thought to have started from a defective flue, had spread through their home before an alarm could be given.

An increase of fifteen cents per day was granted to trackmen employed along the entire system of the Lackawanna Railroad. About 5,600 are affected. They will get \$1.75 per day under the new scale. More than 500 foremen employed by the Lackawanna received a voluntary increase of \$5 per month.

The annual convention of the Women's Suffrage party, of Chester County, was held in the New Century club house, with large gathering of prominent women from all sections of the county. Mrs. Lewis Lawrence Smith, of Stafford, the county leader, presided, and the branch organizations