

FIGHTING U-BOAT CALLS AT NEWPORT

Drops in to Mail Letter to the German Ambassador.

SAILS AWAY IN 3 HOURS

Almost Before U. S. Navy Officials Had Time to Return Her Captain's Call, She Had Gone To Three-Mile Limit.

Newport, R. I.—Seventeen days from Wilhelmshaven, the Imperial German submarine U-53, dropped anchor in Newport harbor Saturday. Almost before the officers of the American fleet of warships through which the stranger had nosed her way had recovered from their astonishment, the undersea fighter had delivered a message for the German Ambassador, and, weighing anchor, turned Brenton's Reef lightship and disappeared beneath the waves just inside the three-mile limit.

As she came and went she flew the black and white colors of the German Navy, a gun was mounted on the forward deck and another aft, while eight torpedoes, plainly visible under the forward deck, gave mute assurance that the warship was ready for a fight at the drop of the hat.

Lieutenant-Captain Hans Rose, who hung up a new world's record in bringing an armed submarine in battle array across the Atlantic, said that he had called at Newport simply to mail a letter to Count von Bernstorff. He required neither provisions nor fuel and would be on his way, he said, long before the 24 hours during which a belligerent ship may remain within a neutral harbor had expired.

The American had been outside for maneuvers since morning and was returning when she came up with the German. The D-2, drawing near the stranger and making out her type, sent a wireless message to the shore headquarters of Admiral Knight, who relayed word of the appearance of the U-53 to the Navy Department at Washington. The American submarine preceded the visitor into the harbor.

The first report had it that it was the Bremen which was coming in. A newspaper man who had watched for weeks for the merchant submarine climbed to the tower of the United States Engineers' office and, with the aid of powerful glasses, made out two guns on the submarine.

A few minutes later he was in a motorboat making for the craft and was rewarded by being taken aboard. The U-53 had made her way through the fleet of 37 United States warships, including destroyers and submarines, to an anchorage 200 yards to the westward of the torpedo station.

Capit'n Rose stood on the quarterdeck as the correspondent came aboard and, after inquiring about the Bremen, said that he had come in to mail a letter to Count von Bernstorff, and asked for the newspaper man's credentials.

"Please Post This Letter," the latter exhibited an Associated Press badge and was intrusted with the correspondence for the Ambassador.

"Please forward this letter to Count Bernstorff," said the captain, "and report my arrival. They will be glad to hear it."

The correspondence, contained in a single envelope, was mailed at the local postoffice at 3 o'clock and should have started for Washington about an hour later. It should be at the German Embassy early tomorrow morning.

A Busy Three Hours. The submarine was in American waters a little more than three hours, assuming that she continued to sea after submerging. Within that time the German commander paid official visits to Rear-Admiral Austin M. Knight, commandant of the second naval district, and Rear-Admiral Gleaves, commandant of the destroyer force of the Atlantic fleet, who was on board the flagship, the scout cruiser Birmingham. Both American officers returned the brief call promptly.

U-BOAT RAIDS NEW ENGLAND COAST

United States Warships to the Rescue.

SIX STEAMSHIPS TORPEDOED

The Kingston's Crew Missing—Submersible, Believed U-53, Thought To Have U-Boat Assistant.

Boston.—The submarine arm of the Imperial German Navy ravaged shipping off the Eastern coast of the United States Sunday.

Four British, one Dutch and one Norwegian steamers were sent to the bottom or left crippled derelicts off Nantucket Shoals.

The destroyer flotilla of the United States Atlantic fleet picked up the passengers and crews of the destroyed vessels and brought them into Newport, R. I.

Kingston's Crew Missing. So far as known, there was no loss of life, though at a late hour the crew of the British steamer Kingston had not been accounted for.

The Strathdeme, British freighter, torpedoed and sunk off Nantucket. Crew taken aboard Nantucket Shoals lightship and later removed to Newport by torpedo-boat destroyers.

The West Point, British freighter, torpedoed and sunk off Nantucket. Crew abandoned the ship in small boats after a warning shot from the submarine's gun.

The Stephano, British passenger liner, plying regularly between New York, Halifax and St. John's, Newfoundland, torpedoed southeast of Nantucket while bound for New York.

The Kingston, British freighter, torpedoed and sunk southeast of Nantucket. Crew missing and destroyer searching for them.

Bloemsdrijk, Dutch freighter, torpedoed and sunk south of Nantucket. Crew taken aboard a destroyer.

The Christian Knudsen, Norwegian tanker, torpedoed and sunk near where the Bloemsdrijk went down.

50 SHIPS SUNK IN NINE DAYS. U-Boats Got 27 Fishing Steamers and 31 Prisoners.

Berlin.—Thirty-five vessels of countries at war with Germany, with a total tonnage of 14,600, were sunk by German submarines in the North Sea or the English Channel between September 20 and September 23, the Overseas News Agency announces.

PERMITS CABINET TO QUIT. King Constantine Accepts Resignation, London Hears.

London.—King Constantine has accepted the resignation of the Greek Cabinet, says a Ruter dispatch from Athens. It is believed in Athens, the dispatch adds, that Nicolas Dimitrakopoulos, former Minister of Justice, will form a new Cabinet, which will include three members of the Venizelos party.

FRANCIS JOSEPH SICK IN BED. Has Bronchitis and His Condition Causes Anxiety.

London.—A report reaching Vienna from Geneva, as forwarded to London by the Exchange Telegraph Company, says that Emperor Francis Joseph is confined to bed with bronchitis and that his condition is causing anxiety.

JAPANESE CABINET RESIGNS. Premier Not Bold Enough in Foreign Policy, Reason Given.

Tokyo.—The Enichi Nichi Shimbun in an extra edition announces that the Cabinet of Premier Count Okuma has decided to resign.

EXPORTS OVER THREE BILLIONS

Trade Balance to Set a Record This Year.

GREAT BRITAIN GETS THIRD

Report Of the Department of Commerce Shows That Exports To Germany and Russia Have Almost Ceased.

Washington.—The enormous extent of recent gains in the export trade of the United States is disclosed in statistics just issued by the Department of Commerce.

Exports to Greece for the eight months leaped 2,260 per cent, compared to the fiscal year 1914; to Russia 900 per cent.; to Norway 340 per cent.; to France 240 per cent.; to Denmark 140 per cent.; to Italy 129 per cent.; to the United Kingdom 103 per cent.; to Sweden 84 per cent.; to Cuba 42 per cent., and to Japan 25 per cent.

This vast export trade shows an apparent trade balance for the eight months \$1,730,000,000 in favor of the United States and department officials predict that by the end of the year it will exceed \$2,500,000,000.

The largest gain was in exports to the United Kingdom, which took nearly one-third of all goods exported from the United States in that period.

Exports to Germany and Austria have almost ceased. Decreases for the eight months, when compared with the same period last year, were shown in exports to Denmark, The Netherlands and Sweden, but the totals, except for The Netherlands, exceed those of the fiscal year 1914.

U. S. WILL NOT ACT. Teutons Complain Of American Airmen With the Allies.

Washington.—The United States will take no action as a result of the various complaints from Teutonic sources that American aviators are at the front with the French Flying Corps.

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SAYS BREMEN WAS CAUGHT. British Shipmaster Repeats Oft-Told Story.

Newport News, Va.—Another British shipmaster brought into port the story that the German merchant submarine Bremen had been captured.

BANDITS KILL AUTOIST. Woman, Wounded, Drives Car Away With \$8,000 Payroll.

Hammonton, N. J.—No trace has been discovered of the band of foreigners who shot and killed Henry Rider, of Howell, Mich., and wounded Mrs. Elsie Swathers, James Rigby and A. J. Rider, of Hammonton, in an attempt to rob the party of \$8,000, representing the payroll for cranberry pickers employed by A. J. Rider.

AGED PRIESTS DEAD IN FIRE. Christian Brothers' College At St. Louis Wrecked.

St. Louis.—Nine men are known to have perished as the result of a fire that destroyed the central portion of the main building of Christian Brothers College here.

STEAMER SUNK IN CHESAPEAKE. British Vessel Run Down By City Of Norfolk.

Norfolk, Va.—The British steamer Hawkhead, at anchor in Hampton Roads, off Sewalls Point, was run down and sunk by the Chesapeake Steamship Company's Bay line steamer, City of Norfolk, outward bound from this port for Baltimore with a number of passengers.

CARS COLLIDE ON BRIDGE. Drop With Part Of Structure and 60 Passengers.

Cleveland.—Two persons were killed and more than 20 persons are in hospitals with injuries as the toll of a bridge tragedy here when two street cars collided on the West Third street bridge, causing it to collapse and precipitate the cars 30 feet to the Baltimore and Ohio tracks below.

IN LINE OF SUCCESSION



WOULD RESENT PEACE MOVE

No Preparations Made For the Discussion of Peace.

USELESS AND INADVISABLE

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Washington.—No new step to end the European War has been taken by the United States and, so far as officials here can foresee, none is likely to be taken in the near future.

While no official professed to know what is in President Wilson's mind, it was declared that no preparations had been made for discussion of peace through the usual diplomatic channels.

Regarding the many rumors that the United States already had made media-tory advances to the belligerents during recent months, it was declared authoritatively that mediation had been neither offered by this government nor suggested to it from abroad.

The United States, it was explained, stands exactly where it has stood ever since President Wilson, at the outbreak of the war, made an open offer to use the good offices of the country whenever requested.

While declining to be quoted directly on so delicate a matter, officials here are understood to be thoroughly convinced that any peace move at this time would be resented as unneutral, and might impair the government's standing as a mediator when the time for action comes.

In spite of this belief, attention is called to the formal decision of Switzerland, Norway, Sweden and Denmark not to offer mediation now, the informal decision of Spain and the Vatican to the same effect, the warning against such attempts sounded recently by David Lloyd George, the British war minister; the Swedish premier's declaration that peace proposals by neutrals would be futile, and other utterances by public men in belligerent and neutral countries.

TO INVESTIGATE 8-HOUR LAW. Goethals, Clark and Rubles Chosen Members Of Board.

Omaha, Neb.—A formal announcement was made here that President Wilson has selected Major-General Goethals, Commissioner Clarke, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and George Rubles, of the Trade Commission, as members of the board created by Congress to investigate the Railroad Eight-Hour law.

While the law does not go into effect until January 1, the President desires the members of the board to give a close study to the entire situation.

TIRPITZ REFUSES NOMINATION. Admiral Says He Will Accept No Candidacy During War.

Berlin.—Admiral Von Tirpitz, former head of the German Admiralty was offered the conservative nomination for a Reichstag seat vacated by the late Admiral von Saxon. He declined, replying that he had decided in the interests of Germany's cause, to accept no candidacy during the war.

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U. S. RIGHTS ARE INVOLVED

Solution of Mexico's Internal Affairs Affects This Country.

MUST PROTECT OUTSIDERS

Settlement, Visitors Hear, Demands Avoidance Of Obstacle For Diplomatic Embarrasments.

Atlantic City, N. J.—Satisfactory solution of internal questions having an international bearing must be an integral part of the general program for the rehabilitation of Mexico.

During discussion of the banking situation, taxation, and other subjects, which the Mexicans insisted were internal matters, the American commissioners took the stand that no satisfactory settlement of the border problem could be reached until there was evidence of the intention of the Mexican Government to handle such affairs so that there would be no occasion for constant diplomatic correspondence with other governments.

The matters especially referred to by the American Commissioners were those affecting the status and rights of foreigners resident in Mexico and of foreigners who have invested capital in Mexican enterprises.

It was learned that Luis Cabrera, head of the Mexican Commission, is dealing with the committee representing a large group of mining concerns in Mexico in his capacity as Minister of Finance rather than as one of the Commissioners. He expects to meet the mining men's representatives in New York for a conference.

The official statement issued by the Commission follows: "The morning session of the American and Mexican Joint Commission was devoted to the presentation to the Mexican Commissioners by their American colleagues of the importance of giving consideration to certain questions which have a distinct international bearing because of their effect on the status and the rights of foreigners resident in Mexico and of foreigners who have invested their capital in Mexican enterprises."

FRANCE LIFTS EMBARGO. Makes Change That Will Aid American Manufacturers.

Washington.—Amendments to the French export embargo that will materially aid American manufacturers were announced in a cablegram from American Consul-General Thackeray at Paris.

LINER FRANCONIA SUNK. Cunarder, Used By British As a Transport, Sent Down By U-Boat.

London.—Five ships—the Cunard Line steamer Franconia, the Russian steamer Tourgal and three Norwegian steamers, Brink, Knut Carl and Nesjar—have been sunk, according to reports here.

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STATE CAPITAL. Harrisburg—Compensation has been allowed to the widow of an employe of the Carnegie Steel Company, killed by lightning while at work in one of the plants of the company in the Pittsburgh district.

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While working in a cornfield on his farm in Upper Merion, James Hayes fell dead of heart disease.

The electric lighting system is being introduced in Alburts and the current is being transmitted from Macungie.

A movement for a city charter was launched by Shamokin Council when it received a petition signed by 260 citizens praying for the privilege of voicing themselves on the question.

Citizens of Birdsboro have urged Town Council to make a movement towards the purchase of a plot of ground for the purpose of establishing a public park.

Police of Harrisburg raided markets and arrested shortweight men, several being held for trial at court, on charges growing out of measures which were short.

The State Board of Pardons has been asked to commute the death sentence of Frederick Ward Motter, sentenced to electrocution by the Jefferson county courts.

While playing with matches, a 7-year-old son of Amos J. Stoltzfus, of Morgantown, fired a straw stack. He promptly informed his mother, who gave the alarm and the neighbors saved the barn nearby.

A resident of Wyomissing offered the Berks County Conservation Association \$1,000 per year for a period of years, to use as a fund to acquire land on Mt. Penn, so that the bare spots can be covered with trees and shrubbery.

A new bar and billet mill is to be constructed at once at the Farrell works of the Carnegie Steel Company. The United States Steel Corporation has appropriated \$1,250,000 for the purpose.

After Thomas Arzell placed timber in a breast at the North Franklin Colliery, Shamokin, and told several workers the place was pretty safe to work in, a lump of coal slid down a chute, instantly killing him.

Plans were announced for the construction of a thirty-five million gallon reservoir to be added to Harrisburg's Water Supply System. It will take care of the section of the city being built on the highlands.

The first woman to take out a hunter's license in that county for 1916 was Mrs. E. O. Hatfield, of West Fairview, who secured No. 290. Mrs. Hatfield is an expert shot and accompanies her husband on various excursions during the season.

The Maple Silk Manufacturing Co. of Paterson, N. J., who lately purchased the Alburts Silk Ribbon plant for \$21,000, have completed the alterations and are almost ready to resume operations. The two shift factories are also working full time.

To protect himself and companions in case they are ever again marooned in Mexico by hostile bandits, Harold T. Mappes, a mining engineer, in Carlisle on a short vacation, has established a wireless station at his home and is practicing receiving and sending messages.

The campaign that the citizens of the Bethlehem have started to raise the sum of \$200,000 so that the proposed new bridge across the Lehigh River to cost more than \$200,000 may be a reality, is meeting with wonderful success. Indications are that the amount needed will be over subscribed.

In an ordinance passed by the Borough Council of Penbrook, even baby coaches are to be regulated along with automobiles, wagons, street cars and other vehicles. The maximum speed of perambulators is to be three miles an hour and they must be "driven" by adults. Fines are to be imposed for infringement of the rules.

With an enrollment of more than 300 new students of whom 284 are Freshmen, Lehigh University, South Bethlehem, started its fifty-first year. The total enrollment will foot up more than \$50. Dr. H. S. Drinker, president of the institution, announced the appointment of sixteen new members of the faculty.

In his annual report to the Firemen's Association of Pennsylvania Judge Eugene C. Donnwell, of Philadelphia, president of the association, denounced the fat rates adopted by the Board of Insurance Underwriters, saying that it is unfair to tax a man who has surrounded his property with every safeguard against fire the same as properties where the fire menace is constant.

Because they were on State business and in the employ of the State, Charles Finley, deputy clerk of courts, refused to allow mileage to several employes of the State Health Department who went to Montgomery county court as witnesses.

Bakers from all towns in Westmoreland county at a meeting decided to increase the price of bread and cakes. Small loaves of bread will be sold at six cents. The price of cakes was advanced from ten to twelve cents a dozen.