

### SUBSEA IS DECLARED MERCHANT VESSEL

#### State Department Says Its Ruling Shall Not Cover Other Cases.

#### EACH MUST STAND ALONE

Washington, July 15.—The State department formally ruled today that the German submarine Deutschland is a merchant vessel and entitled to treatment as such.

In announcing the ruling Acting Secretary Polk said it was not to be taken as a precedent and that any similar cases arising in the future would be dealt with on their merits.

"In view of the facts of this particular case," said Mr. Polk, "there is no reason why the Deutschland should be considered a war vessel."

The department's action was based upon reports of navy and customs officers who examined the submarine at Baltimore and found that it was unarmed and incapable of being converted for warlike purposes without extensive structural changes. An advisory report from the neutrality board, to which the case was referred informally by Mr. Polk, held that the vessel should be accorded all the privileges of a peaceful commerce carrier.

Now that the status of the vessel has been fixed, so far as the American government is concerned, every possible effort will be made to prevent news of its movements in territorial waters of the United States from reaching the allied warships which may be waiting off the Virginia coast.

#### Mrs. Marshall Visits Ship.

Baltimore, Md., July 15.—Mrs. Thomas R. Marshall, wife of the vice president, visited the German submarine Deutschland yesterday evening and was shown through the vessel by Captain Hirsch of the interned German steamship Neckar, which is lying alongside the submarine. Captain Hirsch said Mrs. Marshall was the first woman to go below the deck since the Deutschland arrived in American waters. Captain Hirsch said the temperature of the interior of the submarine was about 110 degrees while Mrs. Marshall was exploring it.

Stevadores continued today to load the Deutschland's return cargo of crude rubber and nickel.

### Water Users High Up on Platte Must Release the Flow

Lincoln, Neb., July 15.—(Special Telegram.)—State Engineer Johnson has issued an order to water users above Kearney and North Platte to allow the water which they have been holding back to flow down so that farmers below with rights may use it. Under normal conditions the Platte river in that locality flows about 600 cubic feet per second, but now it is perfectly dry, due to evaporation, the sandy, porous bed and the fact that the water has been held back. It is estimated that the farmers, if the order is obeyed, will be the gainers by about \$90,000 worth of crops.

### North Platte Man Joins British Army

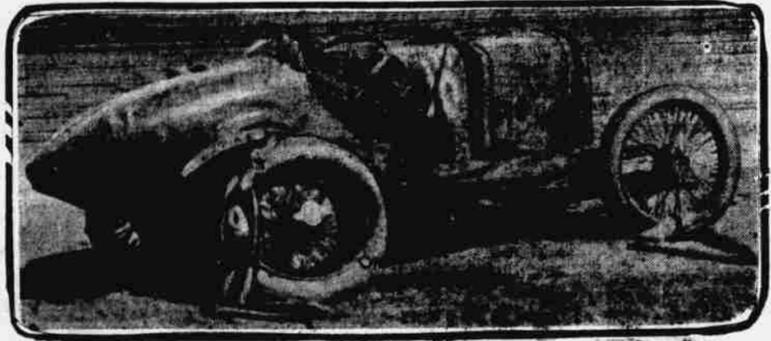
North Platte, Neb., July 15.—(Special.)—D. E. Ward, a machinist in the Union Pacific shops here, will leave North Platte Monday for New York from where he will sail for London to join a regiment forming to go to the front. Ward is a veteran of the Boer war, having served through the campaign with Bethuen's mounted infantry, a South African regiment. He came to the United States ten years ago. Ward has three brothers in the British service, two being lieutenants in the Royal field artillery and a third a sergeant in an Australian infantry regiment. Mrs. Ward will accompany her husband to London, where she will remain with relatives until Mr. Ward's return. Ward is the second North Platte man to go to the British army, "Scotty" Irvine, another Union Pacific employe, being at present with the British expeditionary force on the Mediterranean.

### Sharks Sighted in Virginia Waters

Newport News, Va., July 15.—The presence of sharks in Virginia waters was reported here today by two steamer captains. Captain A. M. Strong of the steamer Californian reported today that he sighted a shark about six or seven feet long in Chesapeake Bay, off Ocean View, last evening. Captain Jensen of the Norwegian steamer Mayella saw two of the monsters yesterday evening east of the Cape Henry lightship.

Everglades Officials Indicted. Chicago, July 15.—Four officials of the Florida Everglades Land company were indicted today by a federal grand jury on the charge of using the mails to defraud. Those indicted are: William A. Otis of Colorado Springs; Percy Harman of Colorado Springs; Harold J. Bryant of Chicago and William Greenwood of Chicago.

### ONE OF MIRACLES OF MODERN AUTOMOBILE RACING—Jack Gable's car blows tire and turns over three times after hitting dirt below track. Upper cut shows wrecked car; lower cut shows Gable and his assistant, Harry McGrath, walking off after being helped from under the car.



Jack Gable's car after it turned over

### MOTOR DRIVERS IN RACE WITH DEATH THRILL BIG THROG

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ond race the attendants and mechanics viewed the wrecked Puson with professional interest. Mrs. Felix McShane was in the judges stand when Franchi went over the fence and out. When she was told the driver was Franchi, she expressed herself in this manner: "I was sure it was Eddie (Rickenbacher). You know I have seven photographs of Eddie. I saw him speeding around just before the accident and I thought sure it was he. He is such a hard driver. I asked him why he drove so hard and he said, 'Well, when you go at 100 miles an hour and you have an accident it is just biff and you're dead.' I thought it was biff with Eddie. You know he lives in Columbus, O., his mother told me she went to see him race once and that was the last time for her."

Just Shut His Eyes. The spectator thought he would find out how the Franchi thrill affected those sitting in the grandstand opposite the point where the car left the track and where it landed 100 feet away. Lee Metcalfe was directly opposite when the machine stopped and went to pieces. He said he just shut his eyes and it was all over. As a matter of fact the whole affair was over in less time than it takes to tell it. And the strange part of it was how Franchi got out of the fray without being dashed to instant death.

A few minutes after the Franchi accident a cloud of dust below the east turn was the signal for another stretching of necks. The ambulance and fire wagon rushed along the dirt track inside the Speedway and the railbirds inside the track fell back in waves. Gable in his Burman Special had tire complaint, skidded onto the ground and turned over three times with driver and mechanic in the car.

At this juncture a woman with blanched face pushed her way through the aisle at the bottom of the grandstand and over to the track entrance. She was restrained by a policeman from crossing the track. Felix McShane recognized the woman and induced her to be composed until the details of the accident were received. The woman was Mrs. Jack Gable, wife of the man who had just turned over three times. In a few minutes she recognized through the grime of dust and grease the outline of her husband, who was walking with his mechanic toward her. Gable hurried to his wife's side and placed his arm tenderly about her. She was unable to speak.

"Will you let him race again?" was asked of the frightened wife. She merely looked at her husband, as if satisfied that he was alive. Gable said that was his eighth accident. He flew wild in the car which sent Bob Burman to his death.

### I. W. W. Threatens to Invade City of Lincoln

Lincoln, July 15.—If the Lincoln police do not drop their "Russianized" methods T. J. Thorne, I. W. W. leader of Kansas City, will "invade" the city with 500 followers, according to a letter received today by Chief of Police Antles from Thorne. "I am holding 500 men, who will leave at a moment's notice for your 'Russianized' community," the letter reads. County and city police forces have been active in urging the I. W. W. members to move on through the city.

Newsmen in Washington. Washington, July 14.—(Special Telegram.)—Walter W. Scott and wife of Beatrice are at the Driscoll. E. F. Mann and wife of Omaha; T. T. Norton and wife of Kearney, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert U. Wells of Omaha are in the city, having come last night after attending the Elks' convention.

Denver Mint Colnaga. Denver, Colo., July 15.—Coinage at the Denver mint for the fiscal year ending June 30, last, totaled \$8,188,000 pieces, valued at \$1,442,940, according to figures made public today. This exceeds any former annual production. It was stated.

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Jack Gable walking off after being taken from under his car.

### Revolt Against Turkish Rule In Arabia Is Spreading

London, July 15.—The revolt against Turkish rule in Arabia is making progress, having resulted in the complete wiping out of all traces of Turkish resistance at Mecca, according to a Reuter dispatch from Cairo today.

After the fall of Mecca on June 13, says the dispatch, certain elements of the garrison continued their resistance in forts near the city. In order to avoid bloodshed the grand sheri, in command of the Arabian forces, suspended attacks. The forts have now surrendered, according to today's advices, the captures of the Arabians including twenty-eight officers, 950 unarmored men, 150 wounded, four guns and large quantities of material and munitions.

Since the proclamation of Arabian independence the total captures from the Turks include ten field guns, ten mountain guns, fifteen machine guns, 100 officers, 2,500 soldiers and 150 civil functionaries.

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is true, that from this point of view, a German aeroplane is rarely sighted, while French aviators are constantly on the wing.

A dramatic and startling novelty has been presented by the allied aviators in this great offensive.

French and British airmen have actually co-operated in the infantry charges. They have swept over the battle field at as low an altitude as 600 feet and some of the more daring swooped over the struggling armies at as low a height as 300 feet.

These airmen have signalled to the French artillery telephones the precise position of the German guns and the location of the German forces waiting for the French assault. They have taken great risks of being hit by shells from their own guns, but, according to the officers, everyone escaped.

The French have developed on a great scale their aerial torpedoes, which are charged with a higher explosive than the large-calibered shells. These torpedoes can be hurled half a mile and fired with such rapidity that a second will leave the ejector while the first is still in the air.

#### Scarcely More Than Name.

The village of Dompierre is scarcely more than a name. The resistance made by the Germans here, as in all the other villages in the neighborhood seems to have been most tenacious.

In the cemetery the vaults were used as bombproofs and the cement and iron railings around the graves as barricades. The French concentrated their gunfire on the cemetery at Curly for half an hour before the obstinate defense of the Germans was crushed. They used shrapnel shells, which filled the air with curious green, opalescent vapors.

One of the dramatic episodes of the fighting was the storming of a cliff known as the Gendarme's Hat, which formed the side of an old quarry. The Frenchmen reached the top and halted in the sunlight, waving their helmets and handkerchiefs and cheering madly.

Reorganized, the defenses in the occupied territory is a vast engineering work. Light field railways are thrown forward of the new line, numerous solid roads are built across the country and the ring of hedges on metal can be heard in the intervals of artillery fire. The whole region is busy with preparations for holding the newly won German ground and for moving forward. The controlling mind of all this is General Marie Emile Fayolle, an elderly artillery commander, who had been retired two years before the war began.

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- \$35.00 Mahogany Bed, \$28.00.
- \$30.00 Mahogany Bed, \$20.00.
- \$45.00 Mahogany Bed, \$35.00.
- \$50.00 Mahogany Bed, \$37.50.

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- Note these examples:
- \$67.50 9x12 Hartford Saxony... \$50.00
  - \$66.50 9x12 Bundhar... \$45.00
  - \$56.50 9x12 Seamless Wilton... \$50.00
  - \$60.00 10-6x10-6 Whitall Body Brussels... \$39.00
  - \$62.50 11-3x12 Heavy Wilton... \$48.50
  - \$75.00 10-6x12 Seamless Chenille, slightly soiled... \$75.00
  - \$95.00 11-3x15 Bundhar... \$45.00
  - \$68.00 10-6x10 Bundhar... \$32.50
  - \$41.50 9x12 Wilton... \$27.50
  - \$32.50 8-3x10-6 Best Body Brussels... \$27.50
  - \$75.00 9x15 Bundhar Wilton... \$59.00
  - \$50.00 9x9 Hartford Saxony... \$39.00

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  - 6x8-6 Brussels... \$9.00
  - 7-6x10-6 Brussels... \$13.50

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