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U-BOATS SINKING SHIPING AT RATE MILLION A MONTH

Third Day's Haul of 27,985 Tons Indicates Submarines Are Keeping Up to Mark Set by Experts.

SEE IN IT ENGLAND'S FALL

British Government, it is Realized, Not Lacking in Measures to Keep Lanes Open.

THIS MAY APPEAR LATER

Washington, Feb. 8.—Lloyd's report for the third day of Germany's new submarine campaign shows that the undersea boats are maintaining the average of destruction set by the Berlin naval experts as necessary to success. The third day's reported losses totalled 27,985 tons and the preceding two days' totalled 56,600.

At such a rate the destruction of 1,000,000 tons a month, which is the German aim, would seem about to be accomplished. German naval experts contend that such an average would cut England off from the world and end the war by its starvation. It is realized here, however, that the British government is not lacking in measures to keep the sea lanes open and that these will become apparent as the campaign progresses. It is pointed out that while the world knows of the losses of merchant ships, it knows little, if anything at all, about the losses of the submarine flotillas.

Two Children Are Burned to Death In Farm House

Plainview, Neb., Feb. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—Two children, both girls, aged 18 months and 3 years, were burned to death today in a fire of unknown cause, which burned the home of Frank Cross, a tenant on the J. L. Cox farm, northeast of town. The mother and five-year-old boy had gone to the mail box about 11 o'clock, leaving the two children alone in bed. On the way back she stopped in at the Cox home. Ray Jordan, working in the field, first noticed the fire, reaching the house as the roof of one room fell in. He entered two of the rooms, but could not reach the children on account of the intense heat. The bodies were not recovered until almost crazed. The parents are almost crazed with grief.

Relief Ship is Sunk Without Warning; Only One Survivor

London, Feb. 8.—The chief engineer and sole survivor on the Belgian relief steamer Lars Kruse has arrived at Copenhagen, according to a Reuter dispatch from that city. The dispatch says that the engineer confirmed the report that the steamer was sunk without warning and that all his comrades perished.

Many Minnesota Towns Are Nearly Out of Coal

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 8.—Fuel famines in a large number of Minnesota towns resulted today in the State Railroad commission urging railroads to give coal shipments preference. At Mankato, where the heavy snow, as in other districts, had prevented railroad traffic, a rotary snow plow forced a way for two cars of coal. The village of Gray Eagle, near Little Falls, had practically run out of food supplies when two cars of merchandise were forced through the snow after traffic had been tied up since February 2. Ten to fifteen feet of snow was reported along roads from Maynard, with peaks reaching to tree tops.

The Weather

For Nebraska: Cloudy; no important change in temperature. Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday:
Hour. Deg.
5 a. m. 20
6 a. m. 19
7 a. m. 18
8 a. m. 17
9 a. m. 16
10 a. m. 15
11 a. m. 14
12 m. 13
1 p. m. 12
2 p. m. 11
3 p. m. 10
4 p. m. 9
5 p. m. 8
6 p. m. 7
7 p. m. 6
8 p. m. 5
9 p. m. 4
10 p. m. 3
11 p. m. 2
Midnight 1

UNCHANGED

Comparative Local Records:
1917, 1916, 1915, 1914.
Highest yesterday 20 35 31 15
Lowest yesterday 6 6 8 7
Mean temperature 12 28 28 4
Precipitation .00 .00 7 .00
Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal at Omaha since March 1, and compared with the last two years:
Normal temperature 23
Deficiency for the day .9
Total excess since March 1 .152
Normal precipitation 44.8
Deficiency for the day .04 inch
Total rainfall since March 1, 17.42 inches
Deficiency since Mar. 1, 27.38 inches
Deficiency cor. period, 1916, .54 inch
Deficiency cor. period, 1915, 1.87 inches
Report from Stations at 7 P. M.
Station and State Temp. High. Rain- of Weather. p. m. est. fall.
Cheyenne, clear 24 45 .00
Davenport, clear 22 42 .00
Des Moines, clear 24 45 .00
Dodge City, clear 24 44 .00
North Platte, cloudy 22 44 .00
Omaha, clear 20 44 .00
Pueblo, clear 24 52 .00
Rapid City, snow 22 24 .12
Sioux Falls, cloudy 22 34 .00
St. Paul, clear 24 44 .00
Sheridan, cloudy 24 46 .00
Sioux City, clear 20 32 7
Valentine, cloudy 20 32 7
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† † † indicates trace of precipitation.
L. A. WELSH, Meteorologist.

Nebraska Suffragists Lose Chance To Address Senate Committee

Refuse to Open Hearing With Speeches and Are Then Barred From Talking.

DEAF EAR BY SENATORS

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Feb. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—Suffragists got a little setback this afternoon when they appeared before the committee on privileges and elections of the senate expecting to meet the anti-suffragists in joint debate. The meeting had been called for the purpose of giving a delegation of anti-suffragist women from Omaha, headed by Mrs. William A. Smith and Mrs. Elgutter, a chance to present their views against the passage of house bill 222, the Norton partial suffrage bill which passed the house a few days ago. The suffragists were ready for business and had engaged Senator Sandall to act as general of their side, but they were outgeneraled by Mrs. Smith, who announced that the anti-suffragists did not propose to present their arguments unless the suffragists first gave their reasons why the bill should become a law. Then Senator Sandall, after consulting with the president of the State suffrage association, said they would present their arguments and then they presented the side of the anti-suffragists in a very able talk of ten minutes. Mrs. Smith, who had with a ten or fifteen minute talk in which she said that the people of Nebraska had adopted an initiative and referendum law for the purpose of settling just such questions as that of suffrage. The people had voted and defeated the proposition in 1914 and were again to vote upon it in 1918. She thought the legislature had no right to take that right from the people and pass even a partial suffrage law. Other speakers against the bill were Senator Robertson, who believed the women themselves should settle the question, and Charles McLean of Dubuque, Ia., who presented some facts against the bill. The suffragists were then ready to present their side, but the committee ruled that they had lost out by not taking the chance when it was offered them and the committee adjourned the meeting. After the committee had left, the suffragists listened to speeches by Mrs. F. M. Hall of Lincoln and Jerry Howard of Omaha.

YOUNG GIRL VICTIM OF BRUTAL CRIME

Thirteen-Year-Old Daughter of Ord Farmer Strangled and Assaulted.

BLOODHOUNDS ON TRAIL

Ord, Neb., Feb. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—Bloodhounds and posses are on the trail of the perpetrator of one of the most brutal murders and assault in the room occupied by their two young daughters and hurried in just in time to see a man escape through an open window and crawl down a ladder. Alice, her 13-year-old daughter, died in the mother's arms. She had been strangled with a rope and brutally mistreated. The younger girl, 7 years old, did not awake until the mother rushed into the room. Mrs. Parkos is in a serious condition as a result of the shock of her daughter's death. Feeling is high in the community and mob violence is threatened if the murderer is caught. Inquest Is Held. Sheriff Bell, County Attorney Munn and the county coroner conducted an inquest at the Parkos farm home this afternoon. The verdict was that the young girl met her death at the hands of an unknown person. The authorities are convinced that the murderer is the same man who stole an automobile in Ord Wednesday night and drove west toward the Parkos farm. The tracks of the automobile have been traced to the scene of the crime. Efforts to stop the speeding motor car after the alarm had been sounded the night of the little girl's assault were in vain. One arrest has been made. Louis Kanaraz is detained at Ord by the authorities, while an investigation is being made as to his movements on the night of the murder.

McCumber Wants Light on Legal Status of Submarines

Washington, Feb. 8.—Senator McCumber, republican of North Dakota, introduced a resolution today to have the secretary of state, if compatible with public interest, submit to the senate the government's view of the limitations on the use of submarines demanded by the government from Germany as set forth in the diplomatic correspondence.

"I think it is not clear just what hold the limitations of submarines to be in this war," said he. "As it was on this subject that we severed relations with Germany," he said, "we should know as accurately as possible just what the government deems an infringement of international law to the end that we may avoid a conflict if possible and that other nations may be put on their guard as to what we believe to be a gross abuse of these subsea craft." The resolution was not discussed but may be called up tomorrow.

Lavelle and McGoulick Both Hold the Same Job

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Feb. 8.—(Special.)—Pat Lavelle and Pete McGoulick both intended to draw pay from the state for doing the same work? is a question which Governor Neville will have to settle. Pat used to be an inspector in the South Omaha Stock Yards. Governor Morehead appointed Pete December 1, but Pat says that nobody told him he had been fired and so he kept on working through December. Pete accepted the job and he too worked and both of them want pay, amounting to \$75 each. Pat is now deputy sheriff of Douglas county and has a job anyway, which according to political jurisprudence, is the real milk in the cocoanut.

Suspect is Arrested On Pier of American Line

New York, Feb. 8.—A man lurking in the shadows on the American line pier, where the steamships St. Louis, St. Paul and Lapland are berthed, was arrested today and said he was Joseph Lellar, 52 years old, a German marine fireman, formerly employed on the Hamburg-American liner Pennsylvania, interned at Hoboken. He was held without bail for examination.

DATE NOT FIXED FOR SAILING OF ENVOY GERARD

German Officials Have No Fear Concerning Treatment Accorded Kaiser's Ambassador in This Country.

BRITAIN GIVES CONDUCTS

English Government Will Allow Safe Passage of Minister So Far as It Can.

WILD RUMORS CIRCULATE

Berlin, Wednesday, Feb. 7.—(By Wireless to Sayville, Feb. 8.)—The date of the departure of Ambassador Gerard has not yet been fixed. The German authorities are making every endeavor to assure him and members of the American embassy of all possible facilities for forwarding private telegrams. No serious concern is felt here as to the safe departure of German officials in the United States. This information is contained in an announcement made public by the Overseas News Agency, which follows: "The date of the departure of the American ambassador has not yet been fixed. The number of persons for whom passports must be secured will be rather large and, therefore, this work will require some time. Every endeavor is being made to assure the ambassador and the personnel of the embassy all possible facilities for private telegrams. Many Regret Break. "While the American residents accept loyally the decision of their government, many of them regret the breaking off of relations with Germany without provocation. A number of Americans, among whom are several newspaper correspondents, have decided to stay in Germany until further developments. "Concerning Count von Bernstorff's departure from the United States, up to the present no official communication has been received for several days. All connection with the ambassador is completely severed and reliance has to be placed on all sorts of news coming from the enemy, which cannot be examined into as to its reliability. Nevertheless, no serious concern is felt regarding the safe departure of German officials in the United States, it being considered the basis of the law of nations, especially that of the treaty of 1799."

RAILROADS MUST PROTECT RIGHTS

Bill Passes Two Houses Compelling Them to Build Twenty Miles Year on Right-of-Way.

REPORTERS MAY REMAIN

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Feb. 8.—(Special.)—Railroads who now have a right of way but who have not builded up it will lose it. The Hoffmeister bill, which passed the house a few days ago passed the senate today by a vote of 30 to 32. The bill provides that unless the roads build twenty miles each year that the right of way is forfeited. The constitutionality of the act was questioned by Senator Oberlies, but he voted for it. The high cost of living was partially solved by the senate for officers of cities of the second class with a population of from 1,000 to 5,000, when by a vote of 23 to 7 officers, both elective and appointed, received a small boost in salaries. "Duly accredited newspaper men" will be allowed to remain at their desks or otherwise be present upon final passage of bills, the senate jiggling back on its action of last week, when by a resolution introduced by Senator Mattes last week all but the officers and senators were denied the privilege of the floor when on third reading of bills. Senator Mattes afterwards explained that he did not intend to deprive the reporters of their rights, but simply wanted to keep the public off during the final consideration of measures before the senate. Albert declared that he should insist on the rule being enforced, unless the senate went on record with a reconsideration of that part relating to the reporters. Senator Sandall moved to include the wives and families of the members and this too carried.

British Soldiers Capture Position Of Saily-Saillisel

London, Feb. 8.—The British troops have captured Saily-Saillisel, on the Somme front in France, according to an official communication issued tonight.

Proposes to Reduce Tax On Oleomargarine to Two Cents

Washington, Feb. 10.—To open the market to oleomargarine, the senate finance committee today accepted as an amendment to the revenue bill a proposal by Senator Underwood to tax the product 2 cents a pound, to be paid by the manufacturer, in place of the practically prohibitive present tax of 10 cents a pound.

Beal Bill Denounced By Grand Island Council

Grand Island, Neb., Feb. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—The city council at a regular meeting adopted a resolution denouncing the Beal bill aiming to place municipally owned utilities under the regulation of the State Railway commission, and memorializing the legislators from this district to vote against the measure.

Brazil's Protest Against Subsea Warfare Reads Like Ultimatum

Rio Janeiro, Feb. 8.—Brazil's reply to the German note to be made public probably tomorrow will in terms polite, but firm, declare Brazil's intention to hold Germany responsible for consequences which may result from the new submarine warfare. The reply expresses the desire of the Brazilian government not to be compelled to break the amicable relations it always has maintained with Germany, a fact, however, which will not prevent Brazil from taking measures of protection and from protesting against the menace to Brazilian commerce and navigation contained in the note of the imperial government concerning measures for the marine blockade. Brazil bases its protest upon the following four fundamental principles: First: The extension of an inadmissible blockade. Second: The unexpectedness of the communication which gives only the short interval of five days before put-

Central Figures in Diplomatic Situation



HOLLAND AND SPAIN WILL NOT BREAK

United States Notified These Two Nations Will Continue Relations With Germany.

SPAIN TO DEFEND ITSELF

Washington, Feb. 8.—The Netherlands government, through the American legation at The Hague, has formally declined to accept President Wilson's suggestion that it follow the course of the United States and break off diplomatic relations with Germany. Information to this effect reached here today in confidential dispatches from Holland. It was also said in the dispatches that the Netherlands government had made a protest against unrestricted submarine warfare and that at the same time negotiations had been opened with Great Britain for the reduction of its mine field. The Dutch government plans to have the British field and the German danger zone which now overlap each other so contracted as to make a clear path through which its ships may pass. Spanish Note Arrives. Spain's note, which it is understood formally declines to accept President Wilson's suggestion that it break off diplomatic relations with Germany, was received today at the State department, but was not made public. Spain, it is understood, protests vigorously against the new submarine order as a violation of international law and an invasion of neutral interests. Having taken over American interests in Germany and being the best equipped diplomatically of the remaining neutrals Spain is anxious to keep open communication with Berlin as the best channel for negotiation between the central empires and the entente. Spain made an arrangement some time ago with Germany for the safe passage of enough of its merchant vessels to prevent a commercial panic within the country, but Germany has withdrawn that arrangement with the understanding that ships now bound for England shall return at their own peril. Spain is entirely dependent on Spanish vessels instead of other neutral vessels and has demanded exemption on the ground that it has never carried munitions of war.

Spain Will Defend Itself

Madrid, Feb. 8.—Referring to the Spanish note to Germany, the Diaria Universal says that the whole country is unanimously in favor of maintaining neutrality, but that that attitude does not exclude action in the defense of national interests or for the protection of national dignity. "No country could renounce its right to that defense," says the paper, "before the note of the central powers without, at the same time, abandoning its neutrality. The two ideas are perfectly compatible and on both the nation is unanimous. No one wants to abandon neutrality, but no one wants either to abandon the interests and dignity of Spain before the caprices or necessities of foreign powers."

Troop Train Derailed Near Winnipeg; Many Hurt

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 8.—A Grand Trunk-Pacific railroad train, carrying 300 officers and men of the 232 Battalion of French Canadians, eastward bound for Europe, was derailed just before reaching this city early today. Five cars rolled down a steep embankment. Of more than thirty persons who were injured Dr. Russen, the battalion's medical officer, and a negro porter, probably will not recover. The accident was attributed to the breaking of a rail.

Moving Picture Star Didn't Want Over Million a Year

New York, Feb. 7.—Albert E. Smith, president of a large motion picture producing company, told the members of a legislative investigating committee here today that a film star he tried to engage demanded a salary of \$1,000,000 a year. "She did not get it, did she?" asked a member of the committee. "Not from me," replied Mr. Smith. The witness declared that unless a kind Providence reduces the salary of some stars the companies will have to go out of business. Only a few stars are worth what they are getting, he added.

KAISER IGNORES PLEDGES MADE TO UNITED STATES

Washington Officials Believe War With Germany Sure to Come Within a Few Days.

WATCH FOR OVERT ACT

Hope Abandoned that Campaign of Ruthlessness Will Be Modified.

EXPECT AUSTRIAN BREAK

Bulletin.
Stockholm, Feb. 8. (Via London.)—The Swedish government rejects President Wilson's suggestion that other neutral countries join with the United States in severing diplomatic relations with Germany, and declares its intention to follow the strictest neutrality as long as it is possible. Sweden's reply was delivered to the American minister today. Washington, Feb. 8.—On the basis of reports received on the destruction of the California and other ships so far, it is stated authoritatively that none of the cases constitutes the overt act which will lead to war with Germany. Officials openly express the belief, however, that the overt act is merely a question of time. While regarding the destruction of the California as plain evidence that Germany has fully abandoned its pledges to the United States, it was stated that the government will not be hurried into war until there is undisputed evidence of violation of American rights by destruction of American ships or loss of American lives in violation of international law. All hope, if any ever existed, that Germany might modify its campaign of ruthlessness has vanished and there is no doubt here that it will be only a matter of hours or days before an American ship is sunk or American lives are sacrificed. The only effect, so far, of the destruction of the California has been to quicken the preparations the government is making for the expected eventuality. Expect Break With Austria. Austria has not as yet withdrawn or modified its note adhering to the German submarine campaign, it was stated officially today at the State department. The possibility that a break with Austria also can be avoided has practically been given up. Despite some differences in Austria's situation, its strict adherence to the principles enunciated by Germany, both in a note to this government and in other communications, makes its position practically the same. Officials who have been hoping that a break might be avoided will give no intimation as to why a definite announcement is not made. This is taken to indicate, however, that the small hope remaining is being carefully watched. Swiss Take Over Al. Consulates. The legation of Switzerland, upon further instructions from its government, has taken over the business of honorary German consuls as well as that of "consuls of career." It has not yet been determined whether honorary consuls will be required to leave the United States. The business of the German consular agent at Los Angeles has been transferred to the Swiss consulate at San Francisco. The honorary consulate at Portland, Ore., has been taken over by the Swiss representative. The German vice consul at Cebu, P. I., has been instructed to turn his affairs over to the Swiss consul at Manila. The German consul at Manila, who is unable to return to Germany because of conditions at sea, probably will be permitted to go to China through Hongkong. The State department has requested safe conducts for him from the British and French governments.

FIFTH NEBRASKA NOW AT FORT CROOK

Soldiers Return from Mexican Border—To Be Mustered Out of Service.

COL. PAUL IS TO RESIGN

The Fifth Nebraska regiment returned yesterday to be mustered out of the federal service, just seven months to a day from the time it left Lincoln July 9 for border service. The soldiers arrived on two troop trains, the first reaching Fort Crook at 6:30 this morning and the other entering the post shortly after 9 o'clock. The regiment comprised 597 men and fifty officers. Before noon all the equipment had been unloaded and all preparations completed for keeping the soldiers at the fort until they are mustered out. The regiment left Llano Grande Sunday afternoon at 12:30. Stops at Houston and Kansas City were made on the way up. Although the homecoming took a much longer time than the down trip, the soldiers say they had a much more enjoyable time. All soldiers had tourist sleepers and the officers Pullman sleepers. Little Excitement. With the exception of a small fire in one of the stock cars shortly after the first troop train left Llano Grande the homeward trip was without any excitement. Just how long the Fifth will be required to remain at the fort before being mustered out is uncertain, according to Captain James W. Everington, senior mustering out officer. Captain Everington said that he had not received any orders from Washington to delay mustering out owing to the break with Germany. He said that mustering out would start immediately unless further orders were received. The soldiers would in all probabilities be allowed to go to their homes by the next fifteen or twenty days. Captain L. R. James, Captain C. F. King of the medical corps and First Lieutenant R. R. Hartley of the Twentieth United States infantry, all of the regular United States army, have been detailed and are now at Fort Crook to aid in the muster out work. No Orders to Delay. When asked if he had received orders from the War department to delay the mustering out of the regiment, Colonel H. J. Paul, commanding officer, said as far as he knew none had ever been issued and that he had not received any. "We completed most of our 'paper work' while still on the border and can complete all the remaining work in about five more days. There certainly must be a mistake somewhere, for I have no orders that we are to be held at Fort Crook for an indefinite time due to recent break with Germany." Colonel Paul to Resign. Colonel Paul said that he intended to resign as soon as the present crisis with Germany is over. "I have been in the service a good many years and believe that I should step down and give another man a chance." Colonel Paul was re-elected commanding officer shortly before his regiment was ordered home. The election took place January 23. Not a man of the Fifth regiment returned to Nebraska sick and none was left behind in hospitals. The Fifth regiment is said to be the only organization on the border that never lost a man through death. Letters in possession of Colonel Paul from high army officers and officials give credit to the regiment as one of the most efficient and well-drilled on the entire border. The record of the Fifth was also exceptionally high in marksmanship. All State Troops Back. With the arrival of the Fifth regiment all of the Nebraska troops are now home from the border, with the exception of the hospital detachment. Twelve companies, the signal corps company of Fremont and the sanitary detachment comprises the organizations that arrived at Fort Crook. The companies and the towns they are from are: A, Lincoln; B, Nebraska City; C, Beatrice; D, Auburn; E, North Platte; F, Wymore; G, Hastings; H, Lincoln; I, Ord; K, Blue Hill; L, Gothenburg and M, Grand Island.

Funeral of Papillion Pioneer This Afternoon

Mrs. Carl Niemann, aged 72 years, died at her home in Papillion yesterday of paralysis. She had lived in Papillion for thirty years. She leaves three daughters and four sons. The daughters are Mrs. C. H. Ross, wife of Dr. Ross, Omaha, and Misses Alice and Lillian Griffith. The sons are William Griffith of Salem, Mo., and three sons still in England. The funeral will be held at Freudent Lutheran church Friday at 1:30 p. m.

School Bond Issue Carries In Franklin Special Election

Franklin, Neb., Feb. 8.—(Special.)—The school bond issue carried at the special election held here today. The vote was 265 for and 99 against. The proposition provides for a \$30,000 bond issue for the erection of new public school buildings.

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