

Seventeen Ships Sent Down by German Subs; American Shelled But Escapes Plunger

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Seventeen merchant vessels, of which seven were neutral, one being a Belgian relief ship, nine British and one Russian, were today listed as sunk by German submarines.

One of the British vessels was the passenger steamer Port Adelaide, of 8181 tons. Ninety-six passengers and members of the crew have been picked up at sea. The captain was taken prisoner aboard the German submarine.

An attack on the American steamer Westwego by the German submarine U-45 was officially reported by the admiralty today. The attack took place January 31, when five shells were fired at the American. The German commander threatened to sink the vessel unless provided with fuel oil. None of the shots took effect.

SENATE BACKS PRESIDENT AND APPROVES ACT IN BREAKING OFF RELATIONS

BY VOTE OF 78 TO 5 UPPER HOUSE OF CONGRESS ENDORSES ADMINISTRATION.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—President Wilson's severance of diplomatic relations with Germany was formally approved today by the senate voting 78 to 5 for the adoption of a resolution submitted by Chairman Stone of the foreign relations committee in endorsing the withdrawal of American Ambassador Gerard from Berlin and giving German Ambassador Bernstorff his passports.

YOU CAN'T BE AFRAID OF A CAT AND BE MARINE AT ONE AND SAME TIME

RECRUIT NEARLY HAS FIT ON SEEING KITTEN, BUT THEN HE HAD AELUROPHOBIA.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—The presence of a pet kitten in the Twenty-third street recruiting station of the United States Marine Corps today caused William James, an accepted recruit from Fremont, Ohio, to rush out into the street screaming with terror just as he was about to take the oath that would make him a soldier of the sea, ready to meet any enemy.

"I know I'm afraid of a cat," James told Surgeon Weston of the Marine Corps after he had recovered from the attack of his strange malady, "but I simply can't be in the room where there is a cat. I don't have to see the cat either. I can feel its presence and it nearly drives me crazy."

LONDON, Feb. 3.—The American steamer Housatonic has been sunk by a German submarine. The Housatonic was sunk near the Scilly Islands. The rumor is current that the Housatonic was sunk without warning. The Housatonic was submarine at noon. All the officers and crew were saved by a British armed steamer.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—News of the sinking of the Housatonic created a sensation here. State department officials said it would depend entirely on the circumstances whether the incident would affect the present situation. The ship was carrying contraband and if she was destroyed with proper warning and provision for the safety of her crew or in an attempt to escape, the United States merely would have a claim for damages, as in the Frye case.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 3.—The German auxiliary cruiser Kronprinz Wilhelm and Prinz Eitel Friedrich, interned here, were seized by order of the navy department early tonight and their crews imprisoned in an isolated barracks.

BOSTON, Feb. 3.—United States Marshal Mitchell tonight took physical possession of the North German Lloyd liner Kronprinzessin Cecilie.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—President Wilson has broken off diplomatic relations with Germany and warned the Kaiser that ruthless sacrifice of American lives and rights means war. Similar action is waiting for Austria when she notifies this government that she joins in the campaign of unrestricted submarine warfare.

Passports have been handed to Count von Bernstorff, Ambassador Gerard, with all his staff and all American consuls, have been ordered out of Germany. All German consuls in the United States are expected to withdraw, that the severance of relations may be complete. Every agency of the American government has been set in motion to protect the country against acts of German sympathizers. These moves are of necessity being kept secret.

With the notice of severance of diplomatic relations the United States sent to Berlin a demand for the immediate release of 64 Americans taken from ships captured by German raiders in the South Atlantic.

BIG FUND FOR ARMS ASKED.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Senator Thomas today introduced an amendment to the house bill proposing a \$500,000,000 non-interest bearing treasury notes to put the nation in a "state of naval and military preparedness."

TRACING FAKE BILL

Exciting Chase of United States Secret Service Man.

MANY HANDLE COUNTERFEIT.

After Bank Clerk Discovers Spurious Currency, Hunt Leads to Many Cities. Grocer, Original Owner of Bill, Proves to Be Agent For Organized Band of Counterfeiters.

Cleveland, O.—The tracing of counterfeit bills back to the persons responsible for their issue is a curious and exciting employment. The experts assigned by the government to this work are among the most skillful members of the secret service. The protection of the currency depends in large measure upon their efficiency, and the pains they take are almost infinite. The following case is one illustrating the difficulties which the secret service people meet and overcome.

A bank clerk in Cleveland had detected a counterfeit twenty dollar bill



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in the deposit of a small retail grocer. An expert was sent for and undertook the case.

He found that the grocer had received the bill from a shoe dealer, who had it from a dentist, who had it from somebody else, and so on until the secret service man finally traced the note to an invalid woman, who had used it to pay her physician. When questioned this woman said that the money had been sent her by her brother, who lived in New Orleans.

The sleuth looked up the brother's antecedents and soon became convinced that he was the man wanted. The brother, however, soon proved to the satisfaction of the secret service man that his suspicions were unfounded. Indeed, it appeared that the New Orleans man in part payment of rent of a house he owned in Pittsburgh. While the sleuth was a bit discouraged, he couldn't give over the case when he had gone so far, so he took the next train for Pittsburgh.

The tenant of the house in Pittsburgh proved to be a traveling oculist, who spent most of his time in the middle west. The secret service man had the good fortune, however, to catch him just as he had returned from a trip, and the man at once recognized the bad bill as one that had been given him by a patient in Cleveland, the very point where the sleuth had started.

The patient was a bores carpenter. The carpenter, an honest old fellow, said that he had received the bill from a certain Perkins. The said Perkins was the small grocer in whose bank deposit the counterfeit had turned up.

The expert flew to the grocer's as quickly as the taxi would take him and found it closed. The grocer had left town. Afterward it was shown beyond question that the grocer was the agent of an organized band of counterfeiters. His shop was a mere blind. That the bill which he gave the carpenter should get back into his own hands after traveling all over the country was one of those miracles of chance for which there is no explanation.

Bottle Tricks—Old and New.

Ever see a bottle with full sized eggs inside? How did they get there? Simplest thing in the world. If you let an uncooked egg stand in vinegar for about twenty minutes you can elongate it enough to get it into a small necked bottle. Pour in cold water, says the Popular Science Monthly, and the egg will return to its original shape. How do they get a ship inside a bottle? Another easy trick. The ship is built outside and then placed in the bottle through a false bottom. Is there any thing simpler?

Mrs. Kluss (severely)—I've been lying awake three hours waiting for you to come home. Mr. Kluss (rejoicing)—And I've been staying away three hours waiting for you to go to sleep.—Exchange.

A TIRELESS PRINCE

Bavarian Chief Sleeps but Four Hours a Day.

IS STERN DRIVER OF MEN.

Rupprecht Man on Whom Fell Task of Directing German Defense Against Allies' Great Somme Attack—One of Best Known Archaeologists and Famous Art Collector.

Berlin.—Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, the man on whom fell the task of directing the German defense against the allies' great Somme attack, is one of the few many sided men in Europe's royal circles. Rupprecht is one of the ablest of the German generals, schooled in military tactics, a hard driving sort of man. He is one of the best known European archaeologists and is a famous art collector.

But Rupprecht differs mostly from the rest of his royal kinsmen by his insatiable love of work. It is his boast that he works longer hours than any other man in the kingdom of Bavaria, over which he is destined to rule. This grim faced, cold eyed Teuton is one of the most inveterate time steal-



PRINCE RUPPRECHT.

ers in Europe, if stories that are circulated about him are anything like true. It is said that the revelers in Munich, going home past the royal residence, always could tell whether it was yet 4 o'clock in the morning. If it was that hour a light was sure to be burning in the prince's study. Four hours is the maximum amount of sleep he permits himself, and in that respect he is like his old regent, Luitpold, his grandfather, who lived to be past eighty years old.

Life has brought much of sorrow and little of pleasure to the Bavarian prince. His wife, who was a sister of the queen of the Belgians, died in 1912 after several years of illness. Their marriage in 1909 was the culmination of a genuine love affair. Four of their five children have died, one of them while Rupprecht was at the battle front. When he was notified of his son's death he sent this laconic message to his father: "Duty commands action, not tears, at this moment."

Rupprecht has one of the finest art galleries of Germany and has a wide knowledge of antiquities of all sorts. In his spare moments he is almost certain to be found in the museums of Munich, of which he is perhaps the most liberal patron.

Military observers differ as to Rupprecht's work in the present war. At the start of it he achieved some success on the Lorraine front, but he was blamed for the German failure at Neuve Chapelle. There is no doubt, however, that he displayed great military ability in handling the defense on the Somme. He is unsparring of his men, as he is of himself, and it is safe to wager that the Germans will lose no battle because of tenderness on the part of Rupprecht of Bavaria.

He is in direct line of succession to the throne of Bavaria, outside of Prussia probably the most important German state.

Clock Takes Vacation.

Middleport, O.—Morgan Johnson, a newspaper distributor here, bought a clock in 1881. It ran along very cheerfully until about nine years ago, when it stopped stock still. No amount of persuasion would start it again. The other day his sister Letta was dusting when she happened to touch it, whereupon it started off as vigorously as at first, and it has been keeping good time and striking the hours ever since.

BREAKS ARM WHILE CHASING HIS HAT

Nelsonville, N. Y.—Philip Gardner broke his right arm on his haste to jump from a moving train when a waunton breeze lifted his hat through the car window and landed it in a clump of weeds. Despite his injury he beamed when he found the top piece. He had sewed inside the band \$842 in bills.

The Turquoise.

Among the early Mexicans turquoise was regarded as emblematic of success, and was worn to preserve health. The peculiar property of the turquoise, of becoming dirty green in color as it gives up its moisture, led to a belief that its change in color foretold misfortune, and hence the oriental proverb that the turquoise pines when the well being of the giver is in danger. It was believed in the orient to be a remedy for all diseases of the head and heart, and in cases of poisoning or snake bite it was given with wine.

EVERY GERMAN RIGHT IS BEING RESPECTED BY PRESIDENT WILSON

COUNTRY IS PREPARED TO STAND IN COURT OF INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—While the United States stand before the world court of public opinion in the anxious waiting period which will determine peace or war with Germany, President Wilson is determined that there shall be no word or deed to merit a reproach even from Germany herself. Nothing is to be done which is not



PRESIDENT READING MESSAGE.

fully justified by the laws of nations and humanity; nothing is to be done for expediency; nothing is to be done which is not legal and just.

With hope for peace and readiness to meet war if it must be, the president has made it clear to all his officials that the course of the United States, difficult as it is, must be entirely beyond criticism.

To that end, German rights and property in the United States are to have full protection of law and the president wishes every American citizen to forbear from any thought or act which might lead his country nearer to war.

Hope that Germany might at the last moment modify her declaration of unrestricted submarine warfare was almost dissipated today by the news dispatches from Berlin, which gave the word of high German officials that there would be no turning back.

ASKS DIVORCE; CHANGES MIND; BACK TO HUBBY

After bringing a suit for divorce against her husband last week, Mrs. Vera D. Apple, who sought separation from Clarence E. Apple, requested the court Wednesday to dismiss the case. Judge Campbell, after hearing the plaintiff's request, ordered the action thrown out of court without further consideration.

A Short Mile.

The shortest mile in European countries is the Russian verst, which is only 1,125 yards.

Bargains in Land.

The United States gave less than 2 cents an acre for Alaska, less than 3 cents an acre for California, Nevada, Colorado and Utah, less than 14 cents an acre for Florida and less than 27 cents an acre for the Philippines.

Intimidation.

Gentleman (giving aims to a beggar)—Now play me a beautiful piece on your clarinet. Beggar—No, sir; I can't play. I only carry the instrument to frighten people.—Meggendorfer Blaetter.

Trying a New Plan.

"Doing anything for your health these days?" "No," replied the chronic invalid. "I'm letting it alone, and I haven't felt so well in years."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Triplets Follow Twins.

Terre Haute, Ind.—Mrs. Joseph Marckel, wife of a miner east of the city, gave birth to triplets, and all are doing well. The mother is thirty-six years old and the husband forty-seven. A twin ago the mother gave birth to twins, who still live. The triplets make ten living children.

He Was Misinformed.

A politician of generous avowals entered the editor's office wearing a dark frown. "I understand," said he in a stentorian voice, "dat youse had a piece in your paper callin' me a liar!" "You have been misinformed, sir," returned the editor calmly. "This paper publishes only news."

SEVEN SHIPS ARE SUNK BY GERMANS IN A DAY

LONDON, Feb. 2.—The Norwegian steamer Portia, 1127 tons gross, has been sunk, Lloyd's announces. The crew was landed.

The steamer Ravensbourne has also been sunk. Three members of the crew were lost, the announcement states. The Norwegian steamer Hoela, of 524 tons, is reported sunk.

The sinking of the following steamships also was announced by Lloyd's: Esonite, British, 559 tons gross; Algiers, Spanish, 2116 tons gross; Violet, British trawler, and Marcelle, Belgian trawler, sunk by gunfire; crew landed.

PUGET SOUND YARD RUSHED.

BREMERTON, Wash., Feb. 3.—Orders were issued at the Puget Sound navyyard today putting the mechanical force at the yard on a 24-hour basis, beginning Sunday morning.

The commandant today ordered the entrances closed to all persons except employes and these are required to be identified.

WAR ON SEA GERMAN HOPE

BERLIN, Friday, via London, Feb. 3.—Admiral Scheer, commander of the German battle fleet, today telegraphed the following to the Lokal Anzeiger:

"My slogan is that our future lies on the water. However, the British sea lion gnashes his teeth, we must and will attack him until a free path on the seas has been won."

LEARN TO SAVE MONEY.

One Needn't Be a Miser to Cultivate This Fine Habit.

One of the best habits that a young man can form is that of saving a certain part of his earnings regularly. From the very first, when he has made arrangements with father and mother in the home or with his landlady as to what he shall pay into the house for his keep, he should make it the rule of his life to put something, be it ever so little, away from his weekly or monthly wages.

It's a fine thing to be able to wear a necktie that is artistic in its coloring, a vest that is beautiful in its construction or a suit that is nobby and a hat that is up to date. But better than all these is the consciousness of a bank account, however small it may be, and the feeling of satisfaction that comes from the knowledge that if he is taken ill he will not altogether be dependent upon his fraternal society, his family, his friends or the cold charity of the world.

But greater than the money that a young man can save is the character that he is establishing. Miserliness, stinginess, greed, are to be abhorred, but prudence and carefulness in expenditure are graces which, cultivated, make a man a power in the community and give to him a character which commends itself to all.—Exchange.

COSTLY THEATER SEATS.

New Yorkers Forced to Pay Fancy Prices This Winter.

It is not alone in the charges of restaurants and cabarets that the roasting thousands have raised havoc this winter in New York. Theater tickets, for example, have become a prohibitive luxury for the average man and in New York may cost almost anything.

Upon one occasion after the season had got well under way an attempt was made on a Friday to buy orchestra seats for the next Saturday night for any one of the ten best drawing attractions in the city. To begin with, it seemed that all tickets had got into the hands of speculators; also that the speculators had already disposed of the bulk of their supplies and, thirdly, that such left over, none too good seats as they still had, could not be obtained for less than \$5 apiece.

There was a particular rush at the time this attempt was made, but nevertheless under conditions normal to this year the good seats for successful productions cannot prevailingly be secured for less than \$5 apiece, and the best seats are usually half as much again, amounting higher toward the end of any week.—Cameron Mackenzie in Saturday Evening Post.

When Buffaloes Swept the Plains.

In pioneer days the railroads crossing the plains were often delayed for many hours by buffaloes. In 1871 and 1872 trains on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad were charged by the enraged beasts, cars were derailed and overturned and the lives of train crews and passengers endangered. Many tales of hairbreadth escapes were related by small parties of soldiers, frontiersmen and emigrants, and it is possible that many an emigrant wagon with its occupants that left the Missouri river and was never seen again was overwhelmed by the buffaloes rather than wiped out of existence by the Indians, to whom all unexplained disappearances were attributed. Large buffalo bulls weighed 2,900 pounds or more, and cows weighed in the neighborhood of 1,200 pounds. Herds numbering many thousands were really irresistible and in a stampede carried all before them.

The Senator's Sarcasm.

For many years there served in the United States senate a man of brilliant mind and many fine qualities, but who was forever estranging many with whom he desired to be friendly by reason of his incurably sarcastic manner both of speech and action. Once an intimate friend wrote the senator urging the appointment of another friend to a minor position in the government. The senator returned a most sarcastic reply, declining to recommend the appointment. It is said that he never forgot the merited rebuke he received from the friend who had suggested the appointment:

My Dear Senator—I think it would be well for you to reserve your sarcasm for the rapidly increasing number of your enemies, instead of offering it to the decreasing number of your friends, of whom I am one.

JAPAN, LIKE ITS ALLIES, FACES INTERNAL TROUBLES; PREMIER TERAUCHI MAY GO



FIELD MARCHAL TERAUCHI

Japan is confronted with an internal political crisis, like its allies in the war. The opposition to the administration of Field Marshal Count Terauchi has opened a vigorous campaign on the ground that the Terauchi non-partisan cabinet was formed in violation of the spirit of the constitution.

The Constitutional party, which has a majority in the house of peers and is under the leadership of Viscount Kato, former minister of foreign affairs, has joined hands with the Nationalist group in the lower house for war against the premier. The battle will be fought out in the diet. Count Terauchi and Viscount Motono, foreign minister, delivered addresses in defense of the administration. The Japanese press expects the outcome of the crisis to be dissolution and a new election.

MRS. HARRIET BALLARD DIES AT GLADSTONE AFTER ILLNESS OF FEW WEEKS

Mrs. Harriet Ballard, wife of Preston Ballard, died at Gladstone Wednesday at 12 o'clock, after an illness of several weeks. Her death came as a great surprise to her family and friends here.

Mrs. Ballard was born at Thayer, Nebraska, December 10, 1871. Her maiden name was Harriet Schoonover. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Schoonover, formerly of Vancouver, Wash. She was married December 24, 1881, to Preston Ballard, of Vernonia, Oregon, and after residing there for a brief time moved with her husband to Mehama, Oregon, where she lived until taking up her residence at Vancouver, Wash. She came to Gladstone with her husband in June, 1916, where she has resided with her daughter, Mrs. Louis Marr until her death.

Mrs. Ballard is survived by her husband, Preston Ballard, of Gladstone; a daughter, Mrs. Louis Marr, of Gladstone; a sister, Mrs. Emma Mitchell, of Kalama, Wash.; two brothers, R. R. Schoonover, of Spokane, Wash.; Bert Schoonover, of Vancouver, Wash.; a sister-in-law, Mrs. E. J. Warthen, of Mount Pleasant; also a sister-in-law of this city, Mrs. S. C. Bowman, and a brother-in-law, Grant Olds, of Gladstone. A daughter, Miss Lura Ballard, died six years ago.

The funeral services will be conducted Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Methodist church of this city. Rev. J. Avery, pastor of the Mills Plain M. E. church, officiating, with Rev. J. K. Hawkins, of this city, assisting. The interment will be in the Mountain View cemetery.

TIED DUCK WITH CRAVAT.

Left Diamond Stud on It, and That May Account For Turkey Find.

Cuero, Tex.—What Thomas Lovett of this county believes to be the previous history of the recent story from Chicago telling of a diamond stud valued at \$150 found in the craw of a Thanksgiving turkey had its inception in a duck hunt here.

According to Lovett's story, while hunting two years ago he slightly wounded a duck and decided to carry the bird home. He used his necktie to bind the bird's feet, neglecting to remove a diamond stud fastened therein. Placing the supposedly helpless bird in the rear of his conveyance, he started home, when a flutter a few minutes later attracted his attention. He turned in time to see the duck flying off with his necktie dangling from its feet.

Cuero is in the center of a large turkey raising portion of Texas, and many of the birds, which roam over a large range, find their way to the Chicago market.

Mr. Lovett so far has entered no claim to the stud.

Old, but Good.

"Why is a mouse like a load of hay?" "I don't know." "Because the rattle eat it."

HONOLULU IS ON ALERT.

HONOLULU, T. H., Feb. 3.—Extra precautions to guard against violations of neutrality were taken today by army and navy forces here. Extra guards were patrolling the wharves harboring interned German vessels.

STILL HOPES FOR PEACE BUT GETS READY FOR CRISIS

SENATE WILL ENDORSE PRESIDENTS WILSON'S ACT IN SEVERING RELATIONS

NEW BILL PROVIDES A HEAVY PUNISHMENT FOR ALL SPIES

Army Bill Put in Final Form by Committee and Will Go To House Sometime During The Present Week.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Congress began earnestly today to pave the way for legislation that may be demanded by any development in the international crisis.

Bill hopeful that the break with Germany will not involve the United States in war, leaders of both parties recognize that preparations should not be delayed, and there was unusual activity in the naval, military and revenue committees, while the judiciary committee of the senate worked all day on a series of measures relating to conspiracies against the government.

Senate Will Act.

The senate, as the co-ordinate branch of the government having to do with foreign relations, prepared to give its official sanction to the severance of relations with Germany. Chairman Stone introduced a resolution endorsing the president's course and probably will call it up tomorrow for action. There will be some discussion, but a majority of the Republican leaders, consulted before it was introduced, are in sympathy with the resolution and Senator Lodge, ranking Republican member of the foreign relations committee, will speak in its favor.

Spies Be Punished.

A measure prescribing heavy punishment for espionage, framed by the Department of Justice, was introduced in the senate and at the request of Secretary Baker the house military committee wrote into the annual army appropriation bill a special appropriation for anti-aircraft guns at arsenals, and a provision removing all limit from the number of army general staff officers who may be stationed at Washington to work out war problems.

The army bill was put into final form in committee today and probably will be called up in the house some time this week. The house will resume debate on naval bill tomorrow with the hope of passing it during the day.

Senator Overman's espionage bill provides penalties of two years imprisonment and a fine of \$10,000 for any person approaching, entering, or flying in an airplane over any vessel port, navy-yard, or other place connected with the national defense, to obtain information to which he is not lawfully entitled. It applies to anyone who obtains photographs, blueprints, documents or memoranda of such places and to code or signal books and models.

MARINE CORPS SEEKING HEIRS OF MEN NOW DEAD

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The envoys of the European nations to locate the relatives of men who have fallen in battle while serving in various foreign legions bears an interesting comparison to similar efforts now being undertaken in this country to trace the relatives of heirs of men in the American service who have died, some of whom have left valuable property.

The United States Marine Corps issued a bulletin recently, containing the names of Sergeant Albert Jolly of Melbourne, Australia, Corporal Thomas Brophy of Dublin, Ireland, and Private Owen Woods (former address unknown), in a further effort to locate their heirs or next of kin. These men, who have been dead over ten years, left effects of considerable value, and numerous inquiries during that period have failed to locate their rightful heirs.

AMERICANS IN EUROPE

START RUSH FOR HOME

LONDON, Feb. 2.—The German note has resulted in a rush of Americans to procure passage to New York on the first available boat. Large numbers who expected to sail within a fortnight have decided to leave Saturday and before noon all the first class accommodations on the steamer were booked.

Among those applying for passage are 120 persons who intended to sail on the Holland-American liner Nieuw Amsterdam, which was to have left Palmouth on Tuesday. This vessel, however, has been recalled to Rotterdam, whence she sailed two days ago.

The Best Recommendation.

The strongest recommendation any article may receive is a favorable word from the user. It is the recommendations of those who have used it that makes Chamberlain's Cough Remedy so popular. Mrs. Amanda Gierhart, Waynesfield, Ohio, writes: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been used in my family off and on for twenty years and it has never failed to cure a cough or cold." Obtainable everywhere.