

ARABIC POLICY NOW DEPENDS ON GERARD

Ambassador's Report Will Determine Whether Sinking Was "Unfriendly."

PRESIDENT REMAINS SILENT

Severance of Diplomatic Relations Discussed as Most Probable Step if Act Is Decided to Have Been Deliberate.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—Judgment still is suspended by the United States Government on the torpedoing of the liner Arabic, with a loss of two American lives.

Until official information on which to base the course to be pursued arrives there will be no statement of the government's position, and high officials will not discuss the subject.

Both President Wilson and Secretary Lansing were silent today, the latter dismissing interviewers with a negative answer when asked whether any additional reports had been received from Ambassador Gerard.

Key Is Held by Gerard. It was understood tonight that the all-important report awaited before the United States determines whether Germany has committed a "deliberately unfriendly act" is expected from Ambassador Gerard at Berlin.

President Wilson remained at the White House today only long enough to eat his meals. He showed a desire to get away from his usual surroundings and avoid discussion of the sinking of the Arabic.

The president will decide tomorrow whether a cabinet meeting will be called for Tuesday, but tonight it seemed likely that the cabinet members would be summoned before final reports of the Arabic disaster were received.

Severance of diplomatic relations with Germany is being generally discussed as the step that would follow determination that the sinking of the Arabic was deliberately unfriendly to the United States.

Whether such an action would be taken without first consulting Congress is a matter of speculation.

SALT IS NOT CONTRABAND

Allies Find It Expedient to Ignore Established Custom.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 22.—Although salt by an old custom is regarded as contraband of war, yet in the present conflict it is against the interests of the allies to consider it so, and there has therefore been an effort to prevent the enforcement of this part of the neutral laws.

The Dutch fisheries use large quantities of salt, all of which is imported. When England insisted on the letter of the law regarding these importations, Holland, which has a large surplus, is urged that the German salt industry is thus assisted by English detection of salt-laden steamers bound for Holland.

Moreover the more salt is extracted from German mines the more potash is produced, and this is a necessary constituent in the manufacture of certain explosives.

ARRAS LOSSES ESTIMATED

German Estimate French Casualties at Nearly 80,000.

BERLIN, Aug. 22.—To gauge as nearly correctly as possible the losses of their opponents in the west, the German officers have been indulging in mathematics, have questioned the prisoners of war closely, and have kept careful watch of the men who have fallen.

The French alone, during the fighting at Arras, the Germans think, have lost close to 40,000 men, and have kept careful watch of the men who have fallen.

RIVER BEACHES ATTRACT

Thousands Enjoy Outing on Hayden Island in Columbia.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—Several thousand persons from Portland and Vancouver today enjoyed an outing on the several beaches on Hayden Island, just across the Columbia River from Vancouver.

There were hundreds more on the beach early this morning and by noon more than 1,000 had arrived to play in the sand and bathe in the water of the Columbia.

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The offer does not include race horses, saddles and harness or motor vehicles for use or for racing purposes. Regular rates will be charged for articles that change ownership for shipment from the fair grounds.

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RESIGNATION NOT IN

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LETTER HAS GONE ASTRAY

Defeated Candidate for President of National Education Association Says, However, She Will Write Another.

OAKLAND, Cal., Aug. 22.—The teachers attending the annual convention of the National Education Association are mystified today by the failure of Miss Grace C. Strachan's resignation from the organization to reach the secretary, Durand W. Springer.

Miss Strachan says her resignation, dated August 19, was mailed, Mr. Springer says he had not received it. He suggests that possibly one of Miss Strachan's friends is withholding it in effort to persuade her to remain in the association.

None of Miss Strachan's followers has expressed any intention of following her in her withdrawal from the association. Efforts on the other hand, are being made to have her withdraw her resignation. They express the belief that she would have a good chance of securing the presidency of the convention in New York next year.

David Starr Jordan, chancellor of Stanford University and president of the association, said: "There isn't any upheaval in the association; not even a ripple."

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 22.—Miss Grace Strachan, who came to San Francisco after her resignation, announced tonight that, having learned today that her resignation from the National Education Association had not reached Secretary D. W. Springer, she had written and mailed a second one.

"This is about my friends holding back the resignation to influence me to change my mind is nonsense," she said.

VESSEL USED AS SHIELD

Submarine Hides Behind Dunsley to Sink Arabic.

Survivors Say Attacker, Which Was Alongside First Victim, Bore No Distinguishing Number.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 22.—According to survivors of the steamer Dunsley, torpedoed by a German submarine just before the Arabic was sunk, the underwater craft hid behind the Dunsley's sunken hull in wait for the larger vessel. The survivors declare they had been ordered off their ship and were in lifeboats when the submarine concealed herself from the approaching Arabic.

It is said that when the liner came close enough to make an attack possible, the submarine submerged, went around the Dunsley's stern and launched the fatal torpedo. Survivors say that the German boat, which came up alongside the Dunsley, bore no number.

No previous definite statement as to the fate of the Dunsley has come from London. It was announced that she had been torpedoed, but it had not been known whether she succeeded in reaching port with her passengers.

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TRADE IS WATCHED

America Plans to Obtain Its Share of China's Business.

GENERAL PLAN APPROVED

Policy Is Steadfastly Against Commercial Politics, but Desires Strong to Develop Important Vested Interests.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—An aggressive campaign to procure for American business a share in the development of the enormous resources of China has been planned by the Departments of State and Commerce.

The plan contemplates the development of an American vested interest in China that will insure the United States a fair share of that country's foreign trade and be powerful enough to take care of itself in the complicated political and commercial situation there.

EPIDEMICS AT MINIMUM

Medicine Acquires Itself Well in European War.

Typoid Held Well in Check and Pneumonia and Rheumatism Less Common Than Expected.

LONDON, Aug. 22.—"On the whole, at the end of the first year of the war, medicine is found to have acquitted itself well," says the Lancet. "There has been an absence of epidemic sickness, and there has been no catastrophe from sanitary faults. On the principle that lives saved are lives gained, the efficiency of the medical service has meant a gain of many lives to the belligerent armies."

In France the care of the wounded before the lines has steadily improved, and the experience which has been gained of unfamiliar diseases and conditions, such as typhus and gas gangrene, will be of the greatest value in the future. There have been several epidemics of typhoid, but neither in the English, French nor Belgian ranks was the disease ever allowed to make grave headway. During the winter there was much suffering from exposure, but the chief cause of disability was "french foot." There was less pneumonia and rheumatism than expected.

"Concerning the Russian medical service, the information is most satisfactory, though some apprehensions were at first felt about it. The difficulty was not the personnel, but the devotion of voluntary effort and of civilian medical men have overridden the difficulties."

The story of Serbia is a triumph of preventive medicine, and the United States and England between them may lay claim to the credit. None of the stories of the terrible plight of the Serbians from typhus exaggerates the state of things, but a grip of the disease has been made to relax, and the medical outlook is hopeful."

FORD WILL OPPOSE WAR

New Life Work to Be Combat "Preparedness."

Automobile Builder Says He Will Devote Fortune to Striking at Direct Cause of Conflicts.

DETROIT, Aug. 22.—(Special.)—"I will do everything in my power to prevent murderous, wasteful war in America and the whole world; I will devote my life to fight this spirit which is now felt in the free and peaceful air of the United States, the spirit of militarism, mother to the cry of 'preparedness'—preparedness, the root of all war."

These words, uttered by Henry Ford, builder of automobiles and statesman for a unending peace; to challenge Americans crying for more armament and to oppose the spirit of militarism in general.

"Children should be taught at their mother's knee," said Mr. Ford, "what a horrible and unavailing thing war is. Schools should teach children the uselessness of war—a thing unnecessary—and that preparedness for war can only end in war."

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ARTILLERY BUSY IN WEST

Guns, Bombs and Grenades Used in Violent Exchanges.

PARIS, Aug. 22.—Today's official reports of the fighting in the west say that there has been fighting of exceptional violence with artillery, bombs and grenades at many points, but with few infantry engagements.

Hand grenade fighting is particularly active in the "labyrinth." The artillery duel is spirited in Artois. Similar conditions exist in the Vosges and the Argonne.

COMMERCIAL POLITICS AVOIDED

No political steps have been taken to procure concessions or privileges for Americans, however, and the policy of the government has been steadfastly against commercial politics, such as other nations have employed in China.

The plan now proposed is expected to obtain capital for investment in China, there which would be powerful enough to meet the competition of other nations.

Mr. Pratt pointed out today that American capital was piling up as a result of the European war, and that vast sums of idle money are available for investment.

ATHENA HAS GRAIN FIRE

Spark From Locomotive Ignites Stubble, but Blaze Is Checked.

PENDLETON, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—One of the most dangerous harvest fires of the season in this county occurred yesterday at Athena, when sparks from an O.W. R. & N. locomotive ignited a half section of stubble on the Marion Hansell ranch. The train stopped and a section gang was summoned by the engine's whistle.

Farmhands and residents of Weston and Athena also hurried to the scene, and after an hour and a half of hard work, the fire was checked. Considerable stacked wheat was threatened and a quantity of uncut grain was consumed.

CARL SWIGERT ARRESTED

Youth Accused of Speeding at 30-Mile Gait on Washington.

Speeding down Washington street at 30 miles an hour, according to the arresting officers, Carl Swigert, aged 18, son of Charles Swigert, president of the Pacific Bldg. Co., and operator of an automobile containing two other boys and two girls, was arrested early yesterday morning at Fifth and Washington streets by Motorcycle Patrolman Ervin and County Motorcycle Officer White. He will appear in Municipal Court today on a speeding charge.

With young Swigert in the automobile were Lydia Littell, Vivian White, Frances Jackson and Glen Coffey. They were not arrested.

HARRISBURG WAREHOUSE NEARLY READY

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Advertisement for The Sign of the Map, featuring the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. Includes text: 'The Sign of the Map', 'You are cordially invited to visit our theater at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition...', 'Demonstrations Daily (except Sunday) 11:00 A. M., 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30 P. M. PALACE OF LIBERAL ARTS', 'Admission Free', and 'THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY'.

HARRIMAN DENIES STORY

MOTHER THOUGHT NOT TO HAVE STOPPED MUNITIONS WORK.

Mrs. Harriman Takes No Part in Management of Company's Affairs and Is Decidedly Not Pro-German.

OLD COPPER IS VALUABLE

Germany Pays \$1000 a Ton for Articles of Use in War.

BERLIN, Aug. 4.—More than \$1000 a ton is now being paid by the German government to householders and others who bring copper objects to the metal collecting depots. This compares with a price of \$360 a ton recently quoted on the London market for copper in bulk.

The prices fixed for the various metals which the government has asked citizens to contribute are as follows: Copper, \$1 a kilo (2 1/2 pounds); brass, 75 cents; nickel, \$2.75.

W. P. MASSEY IS BURIED

Second Wife Directs Interment of Quinby Man Beside First.

QUINBY, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—The funeral services for William P. Massey, who died Monday, August 16, took place from the family home Thursday, being conducted by Rev. J. Dowers, of Portland. He was buried beside his first wife, Lulu Ann Ruggles, whom he married in 1870, and who died about seven years ago.

He is survived by his wife, Olive Wilson Massey, whom he married five years ago, and the following children: Mrs. Cora Branchflower, Newberg; Mrs. Lulu Wilson, Portland; Mrs. Emma Cooper, McMinnville; Harley Massey, Portland, and Addison and Ira Massey, of Dayton.

SINKING SWIMMER RESCUED

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—When trying to swim the Columbia River about 2 o'clock yesterday a soldier, midway of the stream, took cramps and sank, but a motorboat following him rescued him and took him to the head of Hayden Island where he was resuscitated. He recovered within a short time and was little the worse for his experience.

Advertisement for Post Toasties. Includes text: 'On Time for Breakfast', 'Ever know a real boy who wasn't on time for meals when there was something he liked? Boys are always ready for breakfast when they're going to have the New Post Toasties', 'These delicious, new corn flakes bring to your table all of the delightful flavour of sun ripened corn. They're made by a new method that keeps them crisp and firm even after cream or milk is added—they don't mush down as other corn flakes do.', 'Notice the little pearl-like "puffs" on each flake—a distinguishing characteristic; try them direct from the package without cream or milk and you'll get the real corn flavour of New Post Toasties'. Includes an illustration of a boy eating and a box of Post Toasties.