

CHURCHILL ADMITS HE IS DISAPPOINTED

Allies Declared Not to Have Done as Well Recently as They Had Hoped.

ENEMY'S LINES INTACT

Situation Is Serious, Says Cabinet Member, and to Win Will Require Whole of Strength and National Capacity.

LONDON, Sept. 17.—The first speech made to the public by a member of the British Cabinet since the publication of rumors of a difference of opinion in the Cabinet over the question of conscription, and reports that the members favoring conscription would resign unless compulsory service was introduced within a week, was delivered by Winston Spencer Churchill, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, at Enfield today.

"It is not an easy moment," said Mr. Churchill, "for a public man to open his mouth on any topic, for there are so many people who seem to have less to do than they ought to who are engaged in trying to make difficulties, even more than already existed, and seeking to make artificial divisions in regard to matters of great consequence which should be approached in a spirit of impartiality and good will."

Mr. Churchill added that during the past four or five months the allies had not done as well as they might have hoped. There had been events which, while not disastrous, were disappointments. In France the allies had a series of resolute and costly attacks were made on the German lines and, although ground was gained, the lines of the Germans were not pierced. In the Dardanelles, he said, the allies had gained invaluable ground which led them toward a final conclusion, but they had not gained the advantage at the points at which they aimed.

Then there had come the retreat of the Russians and, while the Russians were rearming and recovering their strength, a new and unmistakable burden had fallen on Great Britain. The situation was a serious one, but the allies had it in their power to carry the war to a successful conclusion, and they could do it, the Chancellor said, if they utilized their whole strength and the national capacity.

Duty All That Can Be Done. After all, Mr. Churchill continued, the allies did not seek the struggle, and if they at their duty they would have done all they could. If at the end, the speaker concluded, the liberties of Great Britain and of Europe were still intact and inviolate, those who afterward looked back upon "this unhappy but not inglorious" generation, would be able to say "we did not fall under a great catastrophe, we preserved the liberties of the world."

GAS KILLING MYSTERY

MINER ASPHYXIATED, THOUGH HE IS ARMED WITH HELMET.

Hundreds Stand About Tunnel Unable to Rescue Victim—Companion, Four Times Overcome, Is Saved.

SALT LAKE, Sept. 17.—Hundreds of miners stood about the Quincy tunnel of the South Hecla property at the camp of Alta, near here, last night, unable to rescue James Hendrickson, a mining engineer, formerly of Brooklyn, N. Y., who had been asphyxiated in a tunnel into the Albion mine, the victim of a mysterious gas which asphyxiated him, although he was armed with a miner's helmet.

Captain Andrew Elkrem, of the Salt Lake fire department, his companion, was rescued after he had been overcome with gas, after four times attempted to reach Hendrickson with the use of the helmet, but was each time driven back. The gas was driven out sufficiently today to recover the body. More than a dozen miners were overcome in attempting to rescue the victim. Hendrickson and Captain Elkrem entered the mine to investigate. Hendrickson leaves a widow and two children.

PARENTAGE TEST ASKED

SCIENTISTS TO BE CALLED IN CASE OF "MYSTERY BOY."

Attorney Says Examination Would Reveal Traits That of Necessity Would Be Hereditary.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Sept. 17.—Scientific character analysis to determine which of two claimants is the father of the "mystery boy" was asked in the United States District Court here today by attorneys for E. S. Carol, who is contesting the contents of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Delo, of Quebec, Canada, that "Roy Carrell" as he has been known here, is in reality their son "Tommy Delo."

An examination of the child, according to the motion of the attorney, would reveal traits which, because of his age, would necessarily be hereditary and would show which of the two men is his father.

Over the unusual character of the motion, it was taken under advisement.

The lad in dispute is in the custody of his mother and a decision is expected. He is about 7 years old.

LAW IS HELD OBSOLETE

Judge Holmes Says "Sunday Closing" Not on Statutes.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—Judge Webster Holden says the Sunday closing law has been repealed since January 20, 1865.

"The Sunday closing law," he says, "was handed down from territorial days, under the provision of the state constitution, article 18, section 7, which provides 'all laws in force in the Territory of Oregon when this constitution takes effect and consistent therewith, shall continue in force until altered or repealed.' The Sunday closing law was included in the code of criminal procedure passed October 13, 1864. Two days later the same session repealed it by passing Senate bill 71, entitled 'An

act to repeal all statutes of a general nature, with certain exceptions."

Section 1 thereof provides as follows: "That all statutes of a general nature passed or in force before the commencement of the session commencing September the eighth, A. D. 1862, except those enumerated and mentioned in the next section, be and the same are hereby repealed." Section 2, of said Senate bill 71, does not denigrate the Sunday closing law, nor does it refer to it in any manner. The Sunday closing law was therefore and thereby repealed, the real question being whether there has been much ado about nothing for a good many years by the mistaken belief that we had a "Sunday closing law" in Oregon.

REVENUE PROBLEM LOOMS

McAdoo and Kitchin Confer on Measures for Meeting Nation's Need.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Revenue legislation in the coming session of Congress was discussed today at a long conference between Secretary McAdoo and Representative Kitchin, of North Carolina.

NOTED POLAR EXPLORER FOR WHOM SAFETY FEARS WERE FELT AND WHO TURNS UP UNHARMED.



VILHJALMUR STEFANSSON.

Carolina, majority leader of the next House of Representatives, Democratic leaders are convinced that action must be taken to swell the Government receipts, in view of the continued war in Europe.

Customs receipts have not shown any tendency to increase, and internal revenue receipts are not equal to a few years ago. The certainty that large appropriations will be demanded for the Army and Navy also must be taken into consideration.

RAILWAY BUYS 70 JITNEYS

Sacramento Company to Run Opposition to Independent Drivers.

SACRAMENTO, Sept. 17.—(Special.)—According to a story given out by the Sacramento Jitney Association today and confirmed by the Ford agency in this city, the Pacific Gas & Electric Company, which owns the main street car lines in this city, has negotiated the purchase of 70 cars and will begin soon the operation of jitney business in opposition to the 95 independent drivers now in the field.

Street railway inspectors have been at work for some time in ascertaining the keeping count of the number of passengers carried in the automobiles, and this count is believed to have decided the company on the innovation. There are about 95 jitney buses in operation.

BODY OF SUICIDE IS FOUND

Ermino Lanzarini, of Portland, Kills Self Near Barracks.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—Ermino Lanzarini, an Italian of 293 Union avenue, Portland, committed suicide on the Government reservation several days ago and his body was found last night in a decomposed state. He had left home last Friday.

Lanzarini left a letter in which he said that he had been drinking and gambling and owed many debts. He leaves a wife and five children in Portland. He had been employed by the Oregon Traction Company.

The funeral will be held in Portland tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

ARMY ENGINEERS RETURN

Company F Completes Mapping Detail in California.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—Company F, Engineers, arrived here today on a special train from Gilroy, Cal., where they had been for the past several months on mapping detail. Captain Richard C. Moore was in command of the company and Lieutenant Dabney Elliott was with him. There were 140 men in the company.

The engineers went to the Panama Exposition, where they gave a number of exhibitions in drilling and performing feats of military engineering. Later they were sent to Gilroy.

ESCAPED TRUSTY RETURNS

Kansas Youth Says Homesickness Made Him Leave Penitentiary.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Sept. 12.—Frank Long, a trusty prisoner, who escaped from the Kansas Penitentiary, has returned voluntarily. His father, who lives in Clay County, Kansas, came to the penitentiary and told the officials that his son was out with his parents and would return and that it wasn't necessary to send a guard for him.

Long, who is a young man, says he ran away because he was homesick. He had two months to serve when he left. He is serving a sentence for burglary in the second degree.

ARABIC CASE MAY BE OPENED AGAIN

"Conversations" With Berlin, It Is Reported, Promise Adjustment of Issues.

INFORMAL WAY PROMISING

Kaiser's Government Ready to Consider Testimony as to How Far Submarine Captain Was Justified in His Action.

BERLIN, via London, Sept. 17.—James G. Gerard, the American Ambassador to Germany, today at noon called on Dr. Gottlieb von Jagow, the Foreign Minister, presumably in connection with the situation surrounding the sinking of the White Star liner Arabic by a German submarine and the opening of negotiations on the submarine problem. No definite information is obtainable, however, concerning the subjects dealt with.

Nothing can be learned here which goes to confirm the statement made in Washington dispatches that it was the intention to open conversations between the two countries on the submarine situation, but officials generally assume that the news is correct and express the belief that the difficulties between the United States and Germany would be in a better way toward settlement by such a method.

Fundamental Issues Settled. Differences in viewpoints, which are only stiffened when laid down in formal notes, it is believed generally by the officials, be more easily adjusted in informal conversations, and all the more so, they say, because the fundamental differences of policy are largely disappeared under the new instructions regarding attacks on passenger steamers.

The United States and Germany, it is declared, appeared to be now in substantial agreement on the principle involved, and it is now largely a question of adjusting cases like the Arabic in conformity with that principle.

Germany, it is believed here, will be ready to consider testimony bearing on this point of how far the captain of the submarine was justified in his belief that the Arabic was bent on attacking the submarine and in conversations she will have the opportunity to satisfy the American Government that her policy and practice under present conditions will harmonize in the future.

The Lokal Anzeiger says: "It is by no means a bad idea that their understanding in regard to difficult questions will be best achieved by discussion among the negotiators. When the door was closed to the stand before the door was back and forth and put it on the wire in the accustomed manner, the suspicion or at least suspicion or at least uneasiness, under such circumstances, is almost impossible to accomplish good work."

Formal Notes Ineffective. The Tagblatt has this to say: "If one desires an honorable and unreserved understanding with America, it must be admitted that the exchange of opinions and the standpoints of the two governments were expressed in these notes in a somewhat declamatory manner for the press and in out of England published the exchange of opinions and stirred up political opponents in America may have made the newly proposed method desirable to the American Government. A promise for success, however, is that the American Government knows how to guard against espionage and the activity of agents of the British press; otherwise 'misunderstandings will not cease, even with confidential confidences.'"

FUSES FOUND IN CARGO

Explosions Heard Before Liner Sant Anna Reached Azores.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—In announcing to the State Department today the arrival at the Azores of the Fabre liner Sant Anna from New York for the American coast, the State said that 18 fuses had been found on the ship and that many explosions had occurred before she reached the Azores.

The destruction of the fuses was given out by the department follows: "Sant Anna, Fabre Line, arrived Thursday, about midnight September 12 from New York. The cargo hold was filled with general merchandise and baggage. Eighteen fuses found. Many taken to preserve art works taken from French cities occupied by the Germans says the Overseas News Agency, which refers to reports recently printed in Paris that valuable art productions which had been owned in France had been stolen from an exhibition of such works in a church in Metz.

"These works and others," says the news agency, "were saved from French theft by the Queen's request. At both in Haiti, headed by President D. Art. Complete lists of such works with

STEFANSSON SAFE, WELL

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Haitian Government Recognized. WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Formal recognition has been accorded by the United States of the new government in Haiti, headed by President D. Art. The explorers subsisted on the most

meager rations. Their dogs were almost famished. However, they traveled continuously for seven months. Captain Stefansson has bought for \$20,000 the Polar Bear which was at Herschel Island when the Ruby arrived there. He also bought the powerboat Sledonia, a small trading vessel. It is thought he may be at Banks' Land with both these vessels now. It is his intention to establish a base on Banks' Land and to attempt to reach the pole at that point. The time of the return of the expedition cannot be foretold. Stefansson intends to continue until he has fully ascertained the limits of the new land he has discovered.

Jack Hadley, who was a member of the expedition, returned from Wrangell Island last year by the King and Wine, has again joined Stefansson.

COAST GUARD SHIP REPORTS

Captain of Bear Tells of Failure to Find Explorer.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—The last report from the Bear, which has been searching in Arctic waters for the survivors of the Stefansson expedition, has just been received here from Nome. The report, dated August 23, Captain Cochran, of the coast guard ship Bear, reported that he had been at Point Barrow on July 30 and also had stopped at Cape Prince of Wales on his way to Nome without finding any trace or news of the explorers.

"No vessel had passed Point Barrow from the eastward," he reported, "and no news had been received from the Canadian Arctic expedition nor Stefansson himself."

The Bear is now at Unalaska, 500 miles from Nome, and is expected to be on her way to go north again before Spring, when the ice breaks up in the Bering Straits.

WAR TRIP IS DESCRIBED

IRISH LASSES TELL OF PRECAUTIONS AGAINST SUBMARINES.

Passengers Hold Drills in Use of Boats and Lifeboats—Warships Escort Vessel on Journey.

GASTON, Or., Sept. 17.—(Special.)—Two Irish lassies, Lizzie and Minnie Johnson, with an older brother, William James Johnson, have just arrived from Belfast, Ireland, and are making their home temporarily with their bachelor uncle, John and Dave Baxter, old residents of Gaston, who are direct from the war-stricken country and after a voyage fraught with many perils, they are now in the city.

They have two brothers fighting for their country. The younger one, who is in the Royal Irish Rifles, has been wounded at the Dardanelles. The older brother was badly wounded in the battle of the Alps.

His brother-in-law, a young officer at Cork, Miss Johnson, in speaking of the voyage, said: "We left Liverpool on the Cunard liner Cameronian and while going through the danger zone we were accompanied by two warships, which we could most always see in the distance. We heard rumors that there was a submarine in our vicinity and, being just a day or two after the sinking of the Arabic, we were in a state of great anxiety."

His brother and we two sisters were assigned to the same boat No. 10. It was—and we knew just what to do in case of a torpedo attack. The lifeboats were in positions but they were not to be used. We were to be in the least possible delay in filling and lowering them, and everything was in readiness for an attack. Sunday night the warships left us and we were told that all danger from the submarines was past.

The next day during the sports on deck a big crowd of passengers gave three cheers for the captain of the Cameronian for bringing them safely through, and all three of these rumors for President Wilson and the United States."

TANKERS FIND CHAMPION

RAILWAY OWNERSHIP ON PACIFIC COAST DEFERRED.

Portland and San Francisco Business Men Say Fuel Transportation by Steamers Is Best.

CHICAGO, Sept. 17.—Eight business men of the Pacific Coast took the stand today on the question of the ownership of the Railroad Company at the hearing of the case, in which the Interstate Commerce Commission in 1914 decided that the railway's steamers could not carry oil except for company use. The witnesses testified that the commercial associations and business men of the Pacific Coast who were consumers of oil had been unable to obtain oil from the Associated Oil Company should continue to operate the tank steamers and that the railroad should be allowed to retain its stock in the oil company.

A. C. Callan, a hardware manufacturer of Portland, Or., declared that the transportation of fuel oil by steamers between Coast points was the only practical method of transportation. He asserted tank steamer transportation to be more economical and efficient than rail.

Norman Lang, a paper manufacturer of Vancouver, B. C., said that transportation by water was more efficient, owing to present conditions of the Pacific Coast railroads. Other business and professional men who declared in favor of the present system of transportation were: A. H. Devers, Portland; W. E. Coman, Portland; George T. Cameron, San Francisco; J. A. Keller, San Francisco; F. A. Busing, St. Paul, and Drake C. O'Reilly, Portland.

U-BOAT LOSS IS PUT AT 20

Seven British Submarines Destroyed, Says Publication.

LONDON, Sept. 17.—The Germans have lost 20 submarines since the beginning of the war, according to an editorial note in the Motorship and Motorboat, while the British losses have been only seven, including the U-2, the destruction of which was announced today.

When the war commenced, the paper declares, Germany had 11 seagoing submarines and 16 of a smaller type while up to June 1, 1915, 10 new boats had been added. The assertion is made that the Germans now have only 11 seagoing underwater boats, two of which are in the Mediterranean.

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CAPTURED ART PRESERVED

Germans Say Precautions Are Taken in Occupied French Cities.

BERLIN, Sept. 17, by wireless to Tuckerton, N. J.—Every precaution is being taken to preserve art works taken from French cities occupied by the Germans says the Overseas News Agency, which refers to reports recently printed in Paris that valuable art productions which had been owned in France had been stolen from an exhibition of such works in a church in Metz.

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Precedent Set at Table of British Sovereign. CENSOR SUPPRESSES NEWS

APARTMENT-HOUSE BURNS

Second-Story Occupant Compelled to Jump From Flames.

Cupid Routs Bachelor Maids

PITMAN, N. J., Sept. 11.—Cupid is rattling the ranks of the Independent Order of Bachelor Maids, an organization comprised of well-known young women of this place, and within the last year three of the leading members have broken their solemn pledges to scorn mere man, and have succumbed to the wiles of the little god. A further blow to the bachelor girl's club has been the announcement this week of the engagement of Miss Vestina Finch.

GERMANS CHARGE TRAFFIC IN MILITARY INFORMATION.

Man Said to Have Gained Secrets From Wives of Kaiser's Soldiers; Geneva Government Intervenes.

GAME OVERRUNS FRANCE

Wild Animals and Birds Become Menace to Orchards and Gardens.

SWISS DOOMED AS SPY

GENEVA, Switzerland, via Paris, Sept. 17.—C. A. Doerflinger, a professional bicyclist, who several years ago took part in one of the six-day races here, and who is a resident of Basel, has been condemned to death as a spy by a German court martial. The Swiss government has intervened in his behalf.

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