'NEUTRALS' BECOME RAIDERS, IS CHARGE

Ships Leaving South America and New Orleans Said to Be Germans.

BRITISH ARE KEENLY ALERT

Plan to Sink Merchantmen and Le Fate Be Guessed When Vessels Fail to Arrive, Hears Providence Journal.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 27 .- (Spe cial.)-The Journal will say tomorrow

morning:
"The Government is in possession of evidence which shows that at least three merchant vessels which have left South American ports in the last month under neutral flags have been trans-formed to German sea raiders on the

Atlantic.

"This knowledge has been coupled also with the strong belief that efforts are being made continuously to move vessels from American ports under false manifests to be used for this same purpose. In this connection, orders have been issued to Government of the control of the contro ficers at all United States ports within the last few days to maintain the closest scrutiny of every vessels sailing from America under a neutral flag.

One Is From New Orleans. "There is reason to believe that at least one ship of this type has already got away successfully from New Or-

leans.
"It is known that four weeks ago one merchant ship left an Argentine port, ostensibly under the Swedish flag, and that one other ship left Rlo de Janeiro three weeks ago, also flying the Swedish flag. Both of these ships in reality German commerce raid-

"One vessel which is supposed to have left Rio de Janeiro seven weeks ago was a self-interned German freight carrier which salled away practically in bailast, alleging as its destination an American port. This vessel has not yet been heard from.

DOUAUMONT STILL HELD

of the Russian army, published today an account of the war council held in which the decision to attack

erdun was taken. It asserts that the German and Bavarian crown princes strongly favored an attack on the Brench front at Ver-ciun, but that both Field Marshal Von Mackensen and Field Marshal Von Hindenburg opposed the plan, contending that it would be better to develop the operations already planned against the Russian front because it would be nec-essary, if the plan of the princes was adopted, to send to France especially trained reserves. Further, Field Marshal Von Hinder

burg is reported to have said that the chances of success on the Russian front were greater. He is declared to have had little hope of the operations against effect on the morale of the army in case of their failure. Verdun and to have feared an adverse arguments, the newspaper

adds, did not prevail, and Emperor William supported the crown princes.

BATTLE CLOSE, SAYS PARIS

German Position at Douaumont Reported Difficult.

PARIS, Feb. 27.—Except around Fort Douaumont, the French War Office re-Denaumont, the French War Office reports some abatement of the German statiscks to the north of Verdun. To the cast and west of the Douaumont position the French troops are closely are closely and artistic Oriental clothes and pressing German detachments, which pressing German detachments, which

on the enemy works in front of Venizel and to the east of Troyon.

"In the region to the north of Ver- of clo dun, following the violent actions of the preceding days, there has been who appear in a number of dances and some abatement in the efforts of the songs. Miss Rhell's clothes really are enemy in the course of the day, except notable and smart. between the heights of Dougumont and plateau to the north of the village Vaux, where a strong attack car-

ried out against our positions was re-To the east and west of the position of Douaumont, the slopes of which are overed with German bodies, our troops are pressing closely the enemy detach-ments which were able to gain a foot-

hold there and who are maintaining themselves with difficulty. "According to the latest reports, the Cote de Talou, rendered untenable as well for us as for the enemy by the bombardment of the two artilleries, is not occupied by any of the adversary

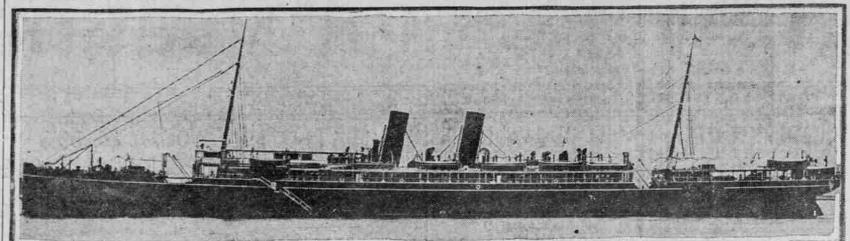
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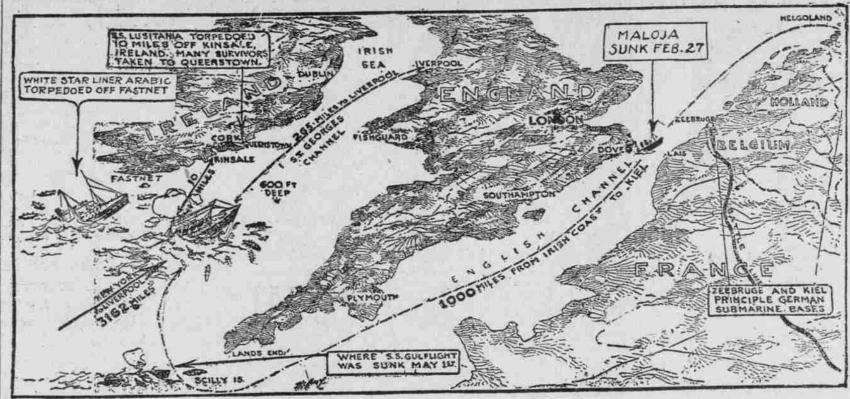
"In the Vosges there was an artillery duel at Hartmans-Weilerkopf. We took under our fire and dispersed an enemy detachment in the region of Senones."

ATTACK IS WELL PREPARED

German Fliers Keep French Aviators

PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING HOW LOST STEAMER APPEARED AND MAP SHOWING SCENE OF SINKING OF THIS AND OTHER VESSELS IN WAR





TOP-THE PERSIA. SISTER SHIP A ND COUNTERPART OF MALOJA. ARROW AT RIGHT POINTS SCENE OF DISASTER.

tremendous bombardment lasting until

in ballant, alleging as its destination an American port. This vessel has not yet been heard from.

British Are Alert.

"It is believed that the British authorities are keenly alert to this situation and that they have recently largely increased their cruiser strength in both the North and South Atlantic on the lookout for these escaped vessels.

"Within the next few weeks the heaviest abipments that yet have been sent out from this country are scheduled to leave for Europe.

"The German indanty attacked, gaining ground first in the center to the southward of Flabas and toward the forest of Haumont. The whole wooded territory was filled with barbed-wire hindrances, but the artillery had move the paths and the forest was completely occupied by 9 o'clock in the evening.

The Germans had advanced so far that a French detachment in the valley

sent out from this country are scheduled to leave for Europe.

"The Journal is informed on high authority that at least four of these commerce raiders are now on the Atlantic, and that their intention is to sink ships of the allies without warning, and without any attempt to save passengers or crews.

"It is said to be the purpose of the naval officers commanding these commerce raiders to overhaul and sink allied merchantmen and then to sail on, leaving the fate of such vessels to be guessed when they have become long overdue in English, French or Italian ports."

The Germans had advanced so far that a French detachment in the valley to the north of Haumont forest was threatened in the rear, the correspondent says, and this position was evacuated by the French carly in the morning with heavy losses.

The same co-operation of the German artillery and infantry was repeated the following day, the batteries aiming farther to the southward. The attack began at 5 o'clock in the afternoon on the mining village of Haumont, and within a half hour the village and the Caur's forest, farther to the eastward, were penetrated.

On February 23 the Brabant position, as well as those in the valley between Haumont and Samogneaux and includ-

Haumont and Samogneaux and including the latter village, were taken.
Hill No. 344, to the east of Samogneux and one of the strongest French positions, was captured on the 24th. On the evening of that day Beaumont was in German hands.

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CADDY CREATES BIG RIOT the Empress Transform Midland, Ltd.

BUT IT IS FUN FOR EMPRESS THEATER PATRONS.

"The Golf Links" Is Sparkling Musical Comedy, Preceded and Followed

by Other Clever Acts.

California breezes blow at the Empress and the spirit of sport and Summer radiates from the "The Golf Links," the headliner, and pervades the bill this week. A regular musical comedy with a bevy of pretty songsters in fascinat-ing garb cavort in a duplicate scene of the San Diego Golfing Club. All the rest of the bill, too, is far above the usual.

George Lee is the caddy who creates a riot of fun "At the Golf Links." A handsome who, who enraptures the six

A fairy-like figure in stunning wrap of cloth of gold and vivid green and a clever male dancer are Carl and Rheil, songs. Miss Rheil's clothes really are notable and smart. Cora and Robert Simpson appear in

a comedy playlet, "His Wife," and the plot hinges on a wife's desire to be-come Mayor. An attractive setting and good portrayal is enjoyed. The Musical Kuehus are thoroughly

enjoyed in a novelty act. The man sings duets, for he has both a man's voice and a weamn's. The attractive girl is spangles and rhinestone from the tips of her toes to the end of her enchanting violin bow.

DIAMOND IS GIVEN TRAMP

Gems Put in Old Pair of Shoe Which Are Presented to Caller.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 19.—A thinly clad and poorly shod but lucky tramp to whom Mrs. C. L. Knapp gave an old pair of shoes recently unquestionably is well fortified financially against cold and want these frigid days. In one of the shoes was a \$200 diamond ring ances and Secretary Lansing will be so informed.

and a garnet ring valued at \$60.

Mrs. Knapp had placed the rings in one of the shoes for safe keeping. A From Observing Move.

BERLIN, Feb. 26, via London, Feb. 27.
The correspondent before Verdun of the Berliner Zeitung Am Mitter (1975).

Tramp, shoes and rings have a state of the shoes to the man. He left.

Maloja Strikes Mine Near Dover; Rescuer Also Lost.

BODIES WASHED ASHORE

Number of Victims Believed to Ex-40; Passengers Chiefly British Indian Officials on Their Way to Bombay.

(Continued From First Page.) and made for Plymouth, whereupon the merchantman fired five shells at

On her, but all fell short.

Officers Stand by Ship It was about 10:30 in the morning that the disaster occurred. The Maloja was steaming down the channel, children playing on the deck and most of the passengers carrying life-belts in their hands. Suddenly a terrific ex-plosion blew in the side of the second

salon and 29 minutes later the Maloja Just before she went to the bottom the vessel turned turtle and a few seconds the keel was visible above the surface. Acording to eye-witnesses, there was a second explosion and while under the water the vessel righted her

self; the masts became visible and then she went down The captain and officers stuck by the ship to the last. Though all were saved, not one of them left the ship in the boats; they were all picked out of

the water.

Children Blown to Picces.

The captain, from the bridge, directed the lowering of the boats and called to

were able to gain a footing in those sections, and which, the War Office further reports, are maintaining themselves with difficulty.

The French deny that the Germans have occupied the Cote de Talou.

The official communication issued late today reads as follows:

"Between Solssons and Rheims destructive fires have been carried out on the enemy works in front of Venizel on the enemy works in front of Venizel on the servertive fires have been carried out on the enemy works in front of Venizel on the servertive fires have been carried out on the enemy works in front of Venizel on the servertive fires have been carried out on the enemy works in front of Venizel on the servertive fires have been carried out on the enemy works in front of Venizel on the servertion of the servertion of the servertion method then were blown to pieces and the deck was covered with wreckage and wounded, but there was non sigh of a panic. Only a few boats could be lowered and the heavy sea made the rescue work difficult. The majority of those same than the sections, and which, the War Office tennis costumes are worn.

Doner of sweet Hawaiian melody and one of the cleverest of recent jugglers is Harry Sterling, whose humer and act are winning.

Ray Conlin, a ventralloquist is just one happy thought after another. His queer little rag-a-muffin is a droll and the heavy sea made the rescue work difficult. The majority of those same than the second one of the cleverest of recent jugglers is Harry Sterling, whose humer and wounded, but there was non sigh of a panic. Several children were blown to pieces and the deck was covered with wreckage and wounded, but there was non sigh of a panic. Only a few boats could be lowered and the heavy sea made the rescue work deed work one on the limitate set of the cleverest of recent jugglers is Harry Sterling, whose humer and wounded, but there was non sigh of a panic.

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ZEELAND MAIL LINER SUNK

Mecklenberg Runs on Mine Between Tilbury and Flushing.

FLUSHING, Holland, via London Feb. 27.—The mail steamer Mecklen-burg, of the Zeeland line, ran on a mine while on a voyage from Tilbury to Flushing. The vessel was lost. Of-ficials of the line say that the passengers and crew and the mails were

The passengers, crew and mails of the Mecklenburg were taken off by the Holland-American liner Westerdijk, The Zeeland service has been pro-visionally suspended.

U-BOATS GIVEN ORDERS (Continued From First Page.)

Informed. Defensive Armament Defined.

Ambassador Von Bernstorff's attention also has been directed to the Tuesday. He was a member of both the memorandum of September Tramp, shoes and rings have not been the Berliner Zeitung Am Mittag teleprenent fortress began at \$130 o'clock on the morning of February 21, alone the whole section to the eastward of the River Meuse, from near Consenvoye to the neighborhood of Azannes, with a section to the neighborhood of the neighborhood of Azannes, with a section to the neighborho 19, 1914, to port authorities, which de

One-Pounders May Be Immune.

the coming conference

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entire question.

tions that the Government was considering revising its instructions to port

Oliver Hutchinson Dead.

ELMA, Wash., Feb. 27 .- (Special.)

authorities in this regard.

Satsop and the Elma schools.

come this presumption by evidence showing that the vessel carries armament solely for defensive purposes."

The Berlin government is said to realize that, should it sing an armed ship upon it will rest the burden of proof regarding guns, but to contend that upon the government owning the ship would fail the burden of proof regarding the non-offensive character of the armament.

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Ambassador von Bernstorff is under-stood to have received instructions to request from the United States a dif-inition of what it considers, under ex-isting conditions, may be considered defensive armament. He is under-stood, however, to have prepared to discuss the question with Secretary Lansing, should it be brought up at

to treat as peaceful merchantinen ships with armament so light and so placed that it could not possibly be used offensively. For instance, it was intimated that Germany might, should the United States Insist on it, agree to grant immunity to vessels armed with a single one-pounder, placed on the stern and so arranged that such a gun could swing not more than 35 or 40 degrees. BY KARL H. VON WIEGAND,

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The Ambassador is also understood to have been instructed to call to the attention of Secretary Lansing the fact.

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The attitude of the United States probably will not be made known at once. Much depends on the contents of the appendices to the German memorandum, which are said to contain copies of alleged confidential instructions to masters of British merchantmen regarding warfare on submarines. State Department officials have been awaiting the arrival of these appendices with much interest, and it has been admitted that they may ners aboard merchantmen in this and it has been admitted that they may have an important bearing upon the attitude of this Government toward the

German View Elaborated.

are prepared and instructed not only to provide a construction of the construction of ships squares Germany with international law, the German view being that if the British merchant ships have been instructed to violate and do violate the law as interpreted by the United States, Germany is justified in taking measures of retaliation.

It is understood that the Austro-Hungarian embassy here has received advices somewhat similar to those sent from Berlin to Count von Bernstorff. It could not be learned tonight whether from Berlin to Count von Bernstorff. It could not be learned tonight whether Baron Erich Zwiednik, charge of

It could not be learned tonight whether Baron Erich Zwiednik, charge of the embassy, would call on Secretary Lansing and inform him of the position of his government, which differs slightly from that of Germany, because of the fact that virtually all Italian ships are armed, although those leaving American ports do so under pledge that they will not use their guns when ing American ports do so under pledge that they will not use their guns when

warned by a submarine.

Germany Not Concerned With Italy.

Germany, not being at war with Italy, has no particular interest in Italian ships.

The State Department holds to the position that an unarmed ship and a ship armed for defensive purposes are in identically the same class and must be treated accordingly. Officials of the department have indicated a willingness to discuss with the Central European powers the question of what may properly be considered defensive armament, and there have been intimations that the Government was consid-

think of resisting a modern cruiser, that the beligerents armed their morchant ships for the sole purpose of destroying submarines; that if the submarine, as experience has shown, endeavors to halt merchantmen and search them for contraband, under the rules of cruiser warfare, and comes alonguiside for that purpose one shot rules of cruiser warfare, and comes alonguside for that purpose, one shot

German Foreign Secretary Declares Old Rule Obsolete.

IS QUOTED

Arming of Merchantmen for "Defen-In this connection, confidential advices from Berlin indicate that the German government might be willing to treat as peaceful merchantmen ships sive" Purposes Held "Fiction." Since Pirates and Privateers

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and age constitutes such ships auxiliary warships for offensive purposes at will, in every practical sense and mean-

ing and Intention. Rule Declared Archaic

The principal assurance given in the Lusitania case read as follows:

"Liners will not be sunk without warning by our submarines and without safety to the lives of non-combatants, provided that the liners do not try to escape or offer resistance."

The contention of the Berlin government is reported as being that all defensively armed British merchantmen are prepared and instructed not only to aged the tunnel at Bleyburg, according to the Echo Beige. are prepared and instructed not only to privateers, which no longer exist and

Pirates No Longer Exist.

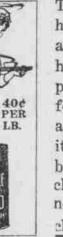
Oliver Hutchinson, aged 19, died here today at the French Hospital, where he may destroy it.
"In view of the fact, Germany has been compelled, as shown by the cases cited and the proof submitted, to adopt had been operated on for appendicitis. He is survived by his mother and two brothers. Funeral services will be held new measures to meet the new ation. Submarines are a legitimate weapon of warfare." Measure Justified as Defensive.

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use repeatedly made of such armament

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has given such armed merchant ships the character of auxiliary warships

and Germany will consider and treat them as such after the expiration of

Airmen Destroy Railway Station.

AMSTERDAM, vin London, Feb. 27.-Allied airmen have attacked and de-

stroyed the railway station and dam-

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solute self-defense against England's policy of arming her merchant ships for offensive purposes, contrary to that very law with which it is sought to hind our hands." CORPORATION FORMED TO TAKE OVER RAILROAD PROPERTY. bind our hands,'

bind our hands."

A copy of the London Times was on
the Minister's desk, with a marked article quoting Jefferson.

"Jefferson's utterance at that time,
1793, supports our standpoint," continued Herr von Jagow, "He says;"
Were the merchantmen coming for our
produce forbidden to have any arms for Authorized Capital of \$450,000,000 and Bond Issue of \$400,000,000 Announced by Bankers.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 .- A new corproduce forbidden to have any arms for their defense, every adventurer who has money enough to buy one would make her a privateer. Our coasts would swarm with them. "Does anyone contend that such con-ditions exist on the seas today? Jef-ferson stood for the principle of arma-ment of merchant ships for legitimate defense, not for offense, a principle oration with an authorized capital of \$450,000,000 and bond issue of \$400. 000,000 will b eformed to take over the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad Company, according to official ab-nouncement here today by the bankers designated as the reorganization memdefense, not for offense, a principle and a law justified by the state of af-fairs on the seas in that period, and for many years afterward, but which has not existed for many years, cer-tainly not in the Atlantic or the Mediterranean.

The plan, it was said, provides for the sale of the old company's proper-ties under foreclosure of the refunding or general lien mortgage, or both. It "Defensive Armament" Called Fiction. the old corporation, while others will be sold to a purchase syndicate. The stock and bonds under the reorganiza-tion plan will be didived as follows: \$250,080,000 prior lien bonds, \$75,000, 000 non-cumulative income bonds, \$200, "British merchantmen are armed with modern guns; they have trained naval gunners aboar?. We have sub-mitted proof that the English Admir-alty has given minute and detailed instructions and orders to take the of-

000,000 non-cumulative preferred stock and \$250,000,000 common stock. Both the preferred and common stock of the new company will be held by a fensive against submarines on sight. We have submitted proof of the exe-cution of these offersive instructions. "Our standpoint is that the so-called oting trust for a period of five years The trustees will be Frederic W. Allen, James W. Lusk, Charles H. Sabin, defensive armament as it exists on British merchantmen in a practical sense is a fiction of the law; that the gene V. R. Thayer and Festus J. Wade

Finishing of the new Canadian Govern-ment grain elevator at Cainary marks the ompiction of the chain of government ele-ators between the Great Lakes and the locky Mountains, those at Saskatoen and foosejaw being in operation now.

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