

## NOTE TO BERLIN IS CURT DEMAND

### President Frames Virtual Ultimatum to Germany.

#### OPEN BREAK IS POSSIBLE

Instant Disavowal, Reparation and Punishment Asked in Submarine Cases.

#### GERARD MAY BE RECALLED

Positive Statement Made That There Will Be No Further Exchange of Views.

BY JOHN CALLAN O'LAUGHLIN. WASHINGTON, April 17.—(Special.)—President Wilson has completed his indictment of Germany for her submarine operations and it will go forward within the next 24 hours to Berlin.

The communication, according to those who have seen it, will leave nothing to the imagination. It is virtually an ultimatum without a time limit for response. As the alternative of refusal to make thorough reparation and give complete guarantees that submarine operations hereafter shall be conducted in accordance with the principles of humanity and international law, Ambassador Gerard will be withdrawn from Berlin.

Three Courses Considered. It develops today that the President has been considering three courses to pursue with reference to Germany. They are:

1. To present all the facts in possession of this Government to Germany and to demand an explanation of how that nation can square its deeds with its promises.
  2. To send a note reciting that Germany has violated the solemn assurances made to the United States, and notifying her that unless prompt reparation be made Ambassador Gerard will be withdrawn.
  3. To break off relations without discussion.
- It is not understood the President is prepared at this moment to adopt the third proposal. It is the second which appeals to him and which probably will meet with his approval.

Withdrawal Seems Probable. Indeed, the belief for days has prevailed in diplomatic circles that Mr. Gerard will be withdrawn unless disavowal, reparation and punishment of the responsible submarine commanders should be announced.

Germany has indicated a willingness to go to any length in the matter of the Sussex and Manchester Engineer to comply with the views of the United States provided the evidence it should submit is regarded as sufficient. It appears, however, that the communication of the President will deal not only with these ships but with the entire subject of Germany's submarine operations ever since the Lusitania went down, almost a year ago. It will be pointed out that no reparation has been made in the case of the Lusitania and that the assurances subsequently given have been repeatedly violated.

Blanket Disavowal Wanted. In other words, what will be wanted will be a blanket disavowal of the acts committed which this Government considers in violation of international law and action as well as guarantees designed to put an end to surreptitious attacks upon ships carrying Americans as members of their crew or as passengers.

Whether Germany will go as far as the President will insist cannot be determined by diplomats in advance of the publication of the American communication. It is a matter of relief to these representatives that the United States is going to send a note at all. The irregular understanding, indeed, the understanding of everyone in Washington for a time was that the President would act and not write. Reflection has convinced the authorities, in view of the character of the German response to the inquiries relative to the Sussex and other ships, that to make the record straight it is necessary to send a communication.

But it is stated positively that there

## LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER IS HERE

NAMES NOT ON ROLLS TONIGHT STAY OFF UNTIL PRIMARY.

New Record Made for Day of 2644 and Total Exceeds 70,000, but Is Far Below Year 1914.

"It's here at last!" will be the remark today of politicians whose friends have all registered.

"What, already?" will be the surprised exclamation of Mr. and Mrs. Good-but-Dilatory Citizen.

Then the stampede will begin, for all who have not registered at the Courthouse before 9 o'clock tonight can't vote at the primaries—unless they go to the trouble of being sworn in at the polls. This is April 18, to which public attention has been called frequently for months past, and the registration books will remain sealed after tonight until the election, May 19.

A new record was established yesterday, when registration for the day showed an increase of 250 over Saturday, the highest of the year to date. Citizens to the number of 2644 registered yesterday, compared to 2391 for Saturday. Of the number registering yesterday, 1345 were women and 1299 were men.

The registration total for the year billed to top the 70,000 mark, but even then will be between 6000 and 7000 short of the total registration for the primaries in 1914.

Division of the registration for the year, by parties, is as follows: Republican, 49,486; Democratic, 14,214; Independent, 2,854; Prohibitionist, 127; Socialist, 779; and Progressive, 690.

## ART NO DEFENSE FOR NUDE

Photograph of Statue Permitted at Exhibit or Home; Not in Window.

LOS ANGELES, April 15.—Photographic reproductions of "Rising Sun," a statue of an undraped male, exhibited at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, were found to be indecent today by Judge Thomas T. White in police court in a case against A. L. Rose, an art dealer. Judge White held such a statue or a similar picture was "art" only when displayed in a public "art" exhibition or in a home.

The case was brought by the police to get a ruling on the propriety of such pictures, displayed in shop windows. When the ruling was made the case against Rose was continued indefinitely.

## KLAMATH REGISTRY RUSHED

Greater Portion of Voters in County Have Already Qualified.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., April 17.—(Special.)—There is a big rush of the eleven-hour brigade, now that the close of registration here is but a matter of hours. The County Clerk's office here has been kept busy with registrations, and big lists have been sent in by the registrars in outlying precincts.

The County registration at noon today was 3331, out of a voting strength of about 4000. Republicans total about two-thirds of this registration, there being 2155 members registered. City registration closes tonight at 9 o'clock.

## PAPER ECONOMY IS URGED

Government Suggests Use of Light Weight Stock to Conserve Supply.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The Department of Agriculture, in a circular issued today, recommends the use of lighter weight papers to relieve the present stringency in paper-making materials. Many publishers and many users of wrapping papers have adopted this plan, it is said.

In a single year the Government, through this plan, effected a saving of \$35,000.

## 72 KILLED IN CHINESE RIOT

Mob Plays Havoc at Fukien and Haicheng Also Disturbed.

AMOY, China, April 17.—The Foreign Office of Chang-Chow-Fu, Fukien, reports that 22 soldiers of the northern army, and upward of 40 civilians not belonging in that locality, have been killed by mob. Disturbances also are reported in Haicheng.

Amoy is quiet but the streets are heavily patrolled.

## TURKEY ADOPTS GOLD COIN

Berlin Reports Old Debts Will Be Paid by Former Standard.

BERLIN, April 17.—(By wireless to Sayville.)—The Turkish government has introduced the gold standard with the gold piaster as the monetary unit, the Overseas News Agency says.

"Long-standing debts will be paid in accordance with the former standard," the agency says.

The government is operating official bureaus for changing money.

## RUSSIAN MUTINY REPORTED

Berlin Hears Abused Soldiers Burn Barracks and 27 Die.

BERLIN, April 17.—(By wireless to Sayville.)—The Overseas News Agency made public the following:

## 30 BURN TO DEATH IN TRAIN WRECK

Gilt Edge Flyer Hits Rear End of Local.

## TELESCOPED COACHES AFLAME

Other Cars Are Set on Fire and Station Is Wrecked.

## 35 OR MORE ARE INJURED

New Haven Train Crashes Into Standing Local and Crushes Many, Others Losing Life When Wreckage Blazes.

BRADFORD, R. I., April 17.—Thirty or more persons were reported to have been crushed or burned to death in a collision of trains on the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad here tonight. The accident occurred at 7:30 o'clock and four hours later wrecking and hospital crews were said to have recovered 30 bodies.

The dead were in the rear car of a four-coach local train, bound from Boston to New London, and which had stopped at the local station when it was run down by the Gilt Edge Express, bound from Boston for New York.

Telescoped Coach Burns. This coach was telescoped, set afire and burned. The car ahead also took fire, and the flames, communicating to the passenger station and freight house, destroyed both buildings.

It was stated that there were known to have been 37 persons in the destroyed car and that only six of these had been accounted for several hours later.

Among those reported to have been burned to death were Miss Janet Clark, daughter of William Clark, president of the Western mill of the American Thread Company, and W. M. Barber, also of Western.

Wire Service Goes Out. Great confusion followed the collision and it was long before a definite idea of the extent of the disaster could be had. As the flames of the burning cars and buildings died out, the train yard was left in darkness and those who went to the aid of the injured worked under great difficulties.

The only telegraph lines in the town went out of commission with the burning of the station and the only communication with the outside was a single telephone wire. Over this help was summoned by Providence and New London, the former sending a wrecking train and physicians and the latter city dispatching a hospital train.

Thirty-five or More Injured. Estimates of the dead varied widely and in the absence of a positive official statement the number could not be determined at midnight. At that hour the ruins of the burned cars were still so hot that they could not be thoroughly searched.

Four bodies were early removed and

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## \$205 NUGGET IS FOUND IN OREGON

PRIZE DISCOVERED IN PLACER OF B. S. WATTS AT WILLIAMS.

Chunk That Obstructs Sluice Box Is 3 1-2 Inches Across, Half an Inch Thick; Weighs 11 1-2 Oz.

GRANTS-PASS, Or., April 17.—(Special.)—One of the largest gold nuggets ever found in the Southern Oregon placer fields was brought to Grants Pass this afternoon by Ben S. Watts, of Williams.

The nugget was pure gold in the form of a thick cake and measured three and one-half inches in length and width, being about half an inch thick. It weighed 11 ounces, 11 pennyweights and 15 grams. Its value was \$205.

The nugget was found Sunday by O. A. McCallister, who, with B. S. Watts, is working the famous Watts placer on Minger Creek in the Williams mining district, 25 miles from Grants Pass. McCallister was vigorously hoeing down the sluice boxes to facilitate the flow of the gravel when he discovered an extra large rock which refused to budge.

Finally it was discovered that some amalgam was clinging to the rock and he picked it up for a closer inspection.

The total cleanup of 69 ounces, representing a six-weeks' run, was brought to town Monday morning.

The Watts mine has been a famous producer for 60 years and it has never failed to reimburse its owners handsomely.

## SEAMEN'S STRIKE SETTLED

Wage Increase Granted and Chance of Further Trouble Is Remote.

NEW YORK, April 17.—The American steamship Mongolia, which had been delayed in this port since Saturday on account of a strike of her crew for higher wages, sailed for London today, the strike having been settled.

The demands of the seamen were granted by the Atlantic transport line, owners of the vessel.

Several other lines operating American ships also have granted wage increases. The possibility of a general strike now is remote.

## DUTCH BAR SEIZED SHIPS

Berlin Says Portugal Forbidden to Bring in German Vessels.

BERLIN, April 17.—(By wireless to Sayville.)—The German steamships which were seized in Portuguese ports shortly before the declaration of war between Portugal and Germany will not be permitted to enter Dutch ports, the Overseas News Agency announces.

This decision was reached as a result of an investigation by a committee of Dutch naval officers and experts in international law.

## SEGREGATION LAW HELD UP

Supreme Court Restrains Ordinance Keeping Blacks in Districts.

ST. LOUIS, April 17.—An injunction temporarily restraining the enforcement of the negro segregation ordinance of St. Louis was granted by the Federal District Court here today.

The ordinance prohibits whites or blacks from living in a block in which 75 per cent of the houses are occupied by persons of the opposite race. The other makes similar restrictions on a basis of 100 instead of 75 per cent.

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## COLUMBIA MINES BLOW UP TARGET

Tests Show System Is Highly Efficient.

## 1000 TONS OF WATER LIFTED

Stunned Fish Dot River When Gunners Ashore Fire Charge.

## OLD GUNCOTTON IS WEAK

Enthusiastic Citizens View Demonstration of Defense Work by the Coast Artillery—Rapid-Fire Guns Score Many Hits.

PORT STEVENS, Or., April 17.—(Special.)—Before an enthusiastic concourse of citizens of Astoria and other lower river municipalities, the Thirty-fourth Company, Coast Artillery Corps, commanded by Captain James Long, conducted a most spectacular submarine mine target practice this afternoon.

Five mines, each containing 100 pounds of saturated guncotton, were planted in the mine field over which a Government boat towed a rapidly moving target. Only two of these mines were permitted to be exploded, thus complicating the problem of locating the position of the mines with respect to the moving target.

Vast Upheaval Caused. Shortly after noon the first mine was detonated and a thousand tons of water was driven into the air 100 feet high. The shattered remnants of the target fell in countless pieces. Numerous fish were observed floating to the surface, stunned by the tremendous shock. The towing boat was obliged to return to the dock to procure a new target.

The second mine fired was filled with old guncotton, as an experiment. It exploded without any great degree of force. However, the shore observers report that the explosion took effect close enough to the target to constitute a hit.

In case of actual war these mines are arranged in groups so placed that if war vessels attempted to run the channel they eventually would impinge upon some of the mines.

Mines Fired From Shore. The mines today were electrically fired through observations conducted from shore stations. However, they are so equipped that they will explode upon contact if that method is deemed preferable. An arrangement within the mine causes it to complete an electric circuit when tilted by an approaching battleship.

Nothing that floats can withstand the effect of a submarine mine explosion, it is believed, hence they are regarded as one of the most effective means of coast defense. It is estimated that 70 per cent of the effectiveness of the batteries defensive system is due to mines. The entrance to the Columbia is better adapted to

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## PRESS OF BRITAIN ASSAILS CABINET

CONSCRIPTION ADVOCATES PUT BLAME ON GOVERNMENT.

Blunders of War Reviewed and Possibility of German Attack on England Brought Out.

LONDON, April 17.—Today, the date fixed for the Cabinet Council to make a final decision as to whether married men should be conscripted, the attacks on the government by newspapers devoted to the cause of conscription reached the climax of vehemence.

All the government's alleged blunders—at Antwerp and in the Dardanelles and Mesopotamia—its alleged mistakes and delays in connection with munitions and the air service, were reviewed and contrasted with the perfect organization in enemy countries.

The Times' military correspondent printed an article with an elaborate map, purporting to show the exact dispositions of enormous forces of German troops massed along the British front in Flanders and France, and drawing the conclusion that Great Britain still is lacking the necessary reserves to meet a big attack.

These newspapers are openly advocating the overthrow of the "inefficient" ministry and exhort the members of Parliament not to lose the opportunity in approaching debates to vote against the government to conscript married men or resign.

Throughout the afternoon in the lobbies of Parliament there were rumors of grave Cabinet dissensions and of possible resignations of minority members who favor universal service.

## LABORER DIGS UP WATCH

Rust-Encased Timepiece, Evidently Buried for Years, Runs.

While digging a trench for a road near Bertha Station, John Cronquist, a laborer, dug up what appeared to be a round piece of metal encased in about half an inch of rust.

He carried the metal home and, digging off the rust, found that it was a watch. The striking caused it to start running. Mr. Cronquist cleaned the case off carefully and it has been keeping perfect time since. Apparently it had been under ground for years.

## DEMOCRATIC RANKS RENT

Opposition in Louisiana Is First of Serious Nature in Years.

NEW ORLEANS, April 17.—The most vigorous gubernatorial campaign Louisiana has seen in a generation closed tonight, with managers for both Ruffin G. Pleasant, Democratic nominee, and John M. Parker, endorsed by the Progressives and so-called Independent Democrats, predicting success at the polls tomorrow.

It is the first time in many years that the Democratic ticket has had serious opposition.

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## VON PAPEN AND 4 OTHERS INDICTED

Five Accused of Plot to Blow Up Canal.

## PRECEDENT SET BY ACTION

Offense Not Extraditable and Chance of Trial Is Slim.

## THREE ARE MERE AGENTS

Arrest of One Prominent German Expected Today—Former Attache Is Described as the "Brains" of Conspiracy.

NEW YORK, April 17.—Captain Franz von Papen, recalled military attache to the German embassy at Washington, was indicted today by the Federal grand jury here as the organizer and financier of an alleged conspiracy to blow up the Welland Canal in Canada. With him also were indicted Captain Hans Tauscher, alleged agent of the Krupp in the United States and husband of Miss Johanna Gadecki, the prima donna, Constantine Govani, Alfred J. Fritzen and another man whose name has not been revealed. It was learned from a reliable source that the last named is a prominent German whose name has been mentioned frequently in connection with German propaganda. His arrest is expected tomorrow.

Federal officials do not expect to bring Von Papen to trial. While he is no longer immune from prosecution by the United States civil authorities, since he ceased to be a member of the German embassy staff, the offense with which he is charged is not extraditable under any treaty with a foreign government.

Von Papen "Brains" of Conspiracy. The indictment it is understood, was returned with the sanction of the Department of Justice, and is believed to establish a precedent. No effort will be made to have Von Papen brought here, but the indictment will be held in abeyance in case he should ever return to the United States.

Von Papen was designated by Federal officials as the "brains" of the alleged conspiracy. It is alleged in the indictment that he, with the others, began, set on foot, provided and prepared the means for a certain military enterprise to be carried on from within the territory and jurisdiction of the United States against the territory and dominions of the King of Great Britain, with whom the United States at all times mentioned was and is at peace.

The other three men whose names were made public were, according to the indictment, merely agents and employees of Von Papen, who planned the conspiracy and furnished the money and high explosives.

Attorney Is Accused. The five men alleged to have carried dynamite and other explosives in suitcases to Niagara Falls, where the plot was abandoned, were Horst von Der Goltz, also known as Franz Hobart Wachendorf, known also as Bridgeman Taylor, Fritzen, Govani, Carl Tauscher and Joachim Busz.

John T. Ryan, an attorney and prominent in politics in Buffalo, N. Y., was named in the indictment as the man who acted as intermediary in the payment of money by Von Papen to Von Der Goltz. On two occasions, in September, 1914, it is alleged, Von Papen paid \$200 to Von Der Goltz through a Buffalo bank and Ryan. A previous payment of \$300 also is said to have been made to Von Der Goltz. Checks and checkbook stubs of these transactions are in the possession of the United States District Attorney.

Captain Tauscher, head of the Tauscher Arms Company here, supplied the explosives to Von Der Goltz, the indictment charges, while Von Papen furnished "electric generators, fuses and wires."

In August, 1914, according to the indictment, five sailors from the interned German liner Bavaria, at Baltimore, were brought to New York by the alleged conspirators to aid in the plot, but they were subsequently returned to their ship. Arrangements then were made, it is charged, for the five men named in the indictment to undertake the expedition.

## STRIKE AUTHORITY VOTED

Boston & Maine Trackmen Ready to Obey Officers' Call.

BOSTON, April 17.—The track men of the Boston & Maine Railroad system have voted to authorize their general officers to declare a strike at any time in the furtherance of demands for reduced working hours and advanced wages. It was learned today.

About 1900 men are included in the trackmen's organization.

## BORNEO OIL CAUSES DROP

St. Louis Reports Cut in Price of Gasoline to 19 Cents.

ST. LOUIS, April 17.—Gasoline in St. Louis today sold at 19 cents a gallon, a drop of 1 cent.

The decline was attributed to the importation of oil from Borneo.

