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U. S. A. WAITS CLEAR-CUT OUTRAGE ON AMERICANS RAIDS OF BRITISH BREAK FIGHTING SPIRIT OF ENEMY

NO WAR DECLARED BY U. S. OVER TUNIS SINKING; WASHINGTON'S BRITISHER

Negro Sailor Killed On Ship Torpedoed by Sub Was From
Alberta—U. S. Finds Technical Rights Violated by
Recent Sinkings, But Will Not Go To War Over Them.

Washington, Feb. 9.—George Washington, the negro steamer, which lost his life in the sinking of the British steamer, Tunis, was reported by Consul Frost today to be "apparently" British subject. It was stated that he was born in Alberta, Canada.

BUSY WITH THE CRISIS.
Washington, Feb. 9.—President Wilson plans to visit the capital and executive departments frequently from now on, whenever he desires information quickly, or to take any steps in connection with legislation. It was said officially today that no surprise or alarm need be felt if the president suddenly goes to the capitol at any hour of the day, or visits any member of his cabinet. So many pending questions have to be taken up that the president has found it too slow to call to the White House all the men he desires to see.

AMERICAN RIGHTS TECHNICALLY HIT.
Washington, Feb. 9.—Preliminary reports before the state department to

PREPARE QUARTERS FOR 500 SOLDIERS AT SARNIA, IS ORDER

Rumor Says This Is Forerunner of Militia Act.

MAY BE FOR RECRUITING

Engineers Sent From London To Make Ready the Building.

That the militia act will be enforced shortly is the construction placed upon the order to prepare quarters for at least 500 men. The engineers left this city today to make the building ready, and the engineers were preparing quarters at Sarnia, for what reason was not known.

CAN'T GET COAL? TAKE ALONG YOUR LIMOUSINE AND FETCH IN SUPPLIES; SHOW INDEPENDENCE

Others Are Doing It and Some Even Get Their Guests To Draw Some—How Some Neighbors Were Fooled in Their Hopes.

"Coal delivered de luxe" is a development of the situation whereby the rich man's fuel and the poor man's fuel have been relegated to the luxury class. Since the dealers have been obliged to assume the role of benevolent dictators, the public-at-large through delivering large parcels to prevent the coal from being taken away, and that they can't keep pace with the demand.

When the coal delivery is made, the haughty tones of the man who holds the largest of the trolleys, "Sorry, but I can't send you any more coal tomorrow. My coal is all sold out. You may be disappointed, but I am sorry to hear of it. He will reply in firm, but mayhap, polite tones, "This is the best I can do."

Your family can't freeze and you won't do it yourself. You immediately take steps to show the heartless coal dealer that you are entirely independent of him. If he won't deliver the coal, you will deliver it yourself.

Limousine Will Do.

When a prominent citizen is discovered carrying home two or three bags of coal in his royal limousine, it is an indication that he has turned his back on the coal shortage. It is a simple case of "showing independence."

NO WAR MOVE BY STATES UNTIL U. S. SHIP SUNK

Plain Case of Daylight Murder Before War Is Declared.

WASHINGTON THRILLS

California and Gerard Cases Cause Excitement at U. S. Capital.

BY E. J. ARCHIBALD.
[Special to The Advertiser.]
Washington, D. C., Feb. 8.—Following a morning of eager speculation and considerable excitement over two particular things, the air became a little less overcharged with electricity in the afternoon and evening, and Washington settled back for more of the watchful waiting to which it has grown thoroughly accustomed. The two incidents which excited the people were the sinking of the California and the alleged detention of Ambassador Gerard and numerous Americans in Berlin as hostages.

SOUNDED THE NEUTRALS BEFORE TAKING ACTION

Germany Made Sure Neutral Europe Would Not Follow Wilson.

Amsterdam, Feb. 9, via London.—Germany was saliently in advance that the European neutrals would not take action of a radical nature against her because of the launching of her new submarine campaign. According to a statement attributed by the Vossische Zeitung of Berlin to Count Tiesse, the Hungarian premier.

CREW OF THE APPAM WILL BE INTERNED

German Prize Crew Removed From Newport to Philadelphia.

Newport News, Va., Feb. 9.—Under guard supplied by the Immigration authorities, Lieut. Hans Berg, commander of the German prize ship, the Appam, which was captured by the British in the Atlantic, is being taken to Philadelphia, where they will be placed in detention under the care of the commandant of the naval station.

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'WHAT'S THE USE' CRY OF ARMY; MORALE SHAKEN

Cup of Pessimism Overflows at News of U. S. Break.

FIGHTING SPIRIT GONE

Bosches Breaking Under the Racking Raids of the British.

BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS.
[Special Cable to The Advertiser.]
With the British troops' cup of pessimism overflowing at the possibility of the United States entering the war, British officers declare. There is a noticeable discouragement to be seen in the attitude of recently taken German prisoners. Their general viewpoint is—what's the use?

CRISS-CROSS FIRE TO GUARD HARBOR OF U. S. METROPOLIS

Powerful Batteries To Protect New York From Attack.

NEW FORT UNDER WAY

Million Dollar Fortification To Be Placed on Sandy Hook.

DAILY TOLL OF THE SUBS

London, Feb. 9.—The Norwegian steamship Ida, of 1,172 tons, has been sunk by a submarine. Surviving members of the crew are being rescued.

THE HANSKINCK SUNK

London, Feb. 9.—The British steamship Hanskink, 1,310 tons, has been sunk by a submarine. The crew was rescued.

ANOTHER NORWEGIAN

Queenstown, Feb. 9.—Via London.—The Norwegian ship, the Hanskink, was sunk by a submarine. The crew was rescued.

STRIKE OF SWITCHMEN AVERTED AT CHICAGO

Conference of Men and Managers Patches Up Trouble.

Chicago, Feb. 9.—Representatives of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and the General Managers Association met today to complete an agreement reached last night which averted a threatened strike of 6,000 switchmen.

DOLLAR DAY LIKELY TO ATTRACT THROG TO CITY TOMORROW

Citizens Will Also Turn Out Well To Pick Up Bargains.

It is certain now that the city will be thronged with visitors from the surrounding country on Saturday, "Dollar Day," to take advantage of the bargains offered by the merchants. In addition, a large number of citizens will take advantage of the opportunity to pick up bargains.

SHIP TORPEDOED WHEN AT WORK OF RESCUE

LONDON, Feb. 9.—An inquest was held today on the bodies of the fourteen men who were lost in the sinking of the British steamship St. Ninian, which was torpedoed by a German submarine.

SANK A SUBMARINE.

Portland, Me., Feb. 9.—Two encounters with German submarines within the past three months were reported today by an officer of the British steamship Kandy, which arrived yesterday from Newport, England, by way of Halifax, N. S.

HIGH COURT SITTING.—Mr. Justice Clute will preside at the weekly sitting of the high court on Saturday, but if successful is likely to be absent.

ANOTHER GREAT WAR CASH VOTE

London, Feb. 9.—The parliamentary papers today announce that the Government will ask a supplementary vote of credit for £200,000,000 for war expenditure to March 31 and also a vote of credit of £350,000,000 as a first instalment of the amount required for the year ending March of 1918.

GERARD'S DETENTION INEXCUSABLE, SAYS THE U. S. SECRETARY

Lansing Makes Public Statement Over Incident.

NO WORD FROM GERARD

Berlin Report Declares He Will Leave Germany Saturday.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Secretary of State Lansing today authorized the following statement:

"I am very loath to believe that the German Government intentionally is detaining Ambassador Gerard in Berlin on any excuse whatsoever. I should be very much surprised if such course had been taken."

There is absolutely no justification in international law, it was pointed out for the detention of the ambassador.

No dispatch has been received from Copenhagen or through the Spanish ambassador in Berlin since 7 p. m. of February 5. No Americans are reported to have arrived in Copenhagen from Berlin so far this week.

STATEMENT BY BERLIN.
Berlin, Feb. 9.—Via London, Feb. 9.—The German Government was officially informed today that Count von Bernstorff will sail for Halifax on Monday. Americans who have been wondering why no announcement has been made regarding the departure of Ambassador Gerard's train have been greatly relieved.

GERARD TO GO SATURDAY.
Berlin, Feb. 9.—Via London, Feb. 9.—The United States Ambassador Gerard will leave Berlin Saturday evening, although the date has not been set definitely. It is expected they will travel by way of Switzerland.

KING INDORSES FILMS SHOWING CANADIANS IN SOMME BATTLES AND OPERATIONS OF THE TANKS

In Cable to Sir John Hendrie, Recommends Pictures and Hopes for Great Success of Exhibition—Trial Showing Before Premier and Cabinet Calls Forth Unanimous Approval.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, Feb. 9.—Sir John Hendrie, lieutenant-governor of Ontario, yesterday afternoon received a cable message from the King endorsing the Canadian war film to be exhibited by Jule and Jay J. Allen, under the auspices of the London and Ontario War Film Association.

THE WEATHER

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours ending 8 a. m. today:

High, 31°; Low, 21°.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a. m. today were: High, 30°; Low, 20°.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND VERY COLD

Forecast for Feb. 10, 1917.

Fresh to strong north and northwest winds; fair and very cold today and Saturday.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours ending 8 a. m. today:

Stations. High. Low. Weather.

Victoria. 45. 38. Cloudy.

Winnipeg. 4. -24. Clear.

Port Arthur. 2. -20. Clear.

Perry Sound. 30. -2. Clear.

Toronto. 30. -2. Cloudy.

Ottawa. 32. -2. Snow.

BRITISH DRIVE ON ALONG ANCRE; GET SAILLY-SAILLISEL

British Clean Up on Big Frontage of Enemy's Trenches by a Brilliant Operation in Moonlight and Zero Weather.

With the British Armies in France, Feb. 8, via London, Feb. 9.—The recent night fighting in moonlight and across the frozen snow, in temperature near zero, has carried the British lines well forward on both sides of the Ancre in the direction of Miraumont, one part of the operations being the occupation of Grandcourt, which was officially announced last night.

GAS COMPANIES TO MAKE PROPOSITIONS WITHIN NEXT WEEK

City Solicitors To Prepare McClary Agreement.

MAY PLAN DISTRIBUTION

Controller Thinks Engineer Should Find Out Cost To Municipality.

Natural gas companies will be asked to submit propositions for a supply of natural gas for the city of London within ten days. The time expires on Monday week. This action was decided upon by the board of control.

In the meantime City Solicitor Meredith will prepare an agreement with the McClary Manufacturing Company, giving that company the right to connect pipes with the Southern Ontario Gas Company's main outside the city limits. The agreement will provide that the city has the right to take over the mains at actual cost, if a contract for natural gas is given to any company or if the city decides to distribute natural gas.

"I think that the city engineer should be instructed to prepare plans for the distribution system, saying what it will cost, and all the rest of it, so that we will be in a position to know what it will cost us to take over the mains, if we decide to do so," said Controller Moore.

"Let the gas companies submit their offers," said Controller Shaw. "We would have something to start with. We will have only two companies tendering at the most."

"We want to start on gas for domestic and manufacturers' consumption," said Controller Saunders. "We will strike out, but there is not enough gas anywhere to make it worth while."

Tenders will be called for at once.

SAILLY-SAILLISEL CAPTURED.

London, Feb. 9.—The British troops have captured Saily-Saillesel on the Somme front, according to an official communication received tonight. The report from headquarters in France reads:

"We attacked this morning, an important enemy position on the highest point of Saily-Saillesel. It was taken by storm. We gained the whole of our objective and captured a machine gun and 75 prisoners, including two officers."

Our capture of Grandcourt has been followed up vigorously on both banks of the Ancre, and considerable progress has been made. During the night we attacked and captured Bailloucourt, road, and the German trench between Grandcourt and our old front line. These operations have taken a further 22 prisoners, including one officer.

ON THREE-MILE FRONT.

"The ground we have gained on the Ancre since the night of the 24th represents an advance of an average depth of 200 yards."

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DEVONSHIRE TO OPEN GREAT FUND CAMPAIGN

Montreal, Feb. 9.—The Duke of Devonshire will today inaugurate the campaign to raise \$2,000,000 for the patriotic fund. His Excellency will speak this afternoon at the Canadian Club and the Women's Canadian Club, and will be accompanied by his wife.

LOOK INSIDE AND SEE WHAT A DOLLAR WILL DO IN LONDON STORES TOMORROW