

### U-BOAT MENACE IS DECLARED OVERESTIMATED

Remarkable Speech by the German Imperial Chancellor.

London, May 12.—What purports to be a summary of the speech of Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German Imperial Chancellor, at the secret sitting of the General Committee of the Reichstag on May 5 concerning Germany's reply to the United States is published by the wireless press yesterday under a Berne date. The wireless press states that the following remarks by the Chancellor may be accepted as unquestionably authentic: "I have said before that we must drop all sentimentality. I repeat that with regard to our dispute with America, our self-respect was wounded by the aggressive wording of the American note to Germany. Our feelings urge us to repel this interference with our legitimate means of warfare, and tell America to mind her own business, but considerations of policy compel us to subordinate patriotic zeal to patriotic reason. We must be guided, however, not by our feelings, but by the coolest judgment. "We have one aim and one duty, namely, to win the war; therefore any policy which endangers our victory must be avoided. The overwhelming majority of expert opinion regards a rupture of relations with America as a grave peril.

"A great mistake has been committed in our stating the value of the submarine campaign against England. Our naval experts no longer believe in the probability of reducing England to starvation and ruin by submarines even if the war lasts another two years. It is true that these instruments can inflict a frightful amount of damage, but this damage would be insufficient to outweigh the danger to ourselves of America's hostilities.

"It is folly to underestimate the consequences of a conflict with America, nor should we risk only America's enmity. Our information leads us to believe that other neutrals might follow America's lead. "The Imperial Government has weighed every factor and is convinced of the necessity of avoiding a breach with America.

"These are the hard facts of the present situation. We have worded a reply such as may reserve future liberty of action. If the situation changes we may cancel our concessions to America and resume unrestricted submarine operations, but for the present we must overcome our feeling and pursue the policy most conducive to final victory over all our foes."

### MUSIC AND DRAMA

VICTOR HERBERT'S LATEST SUCCESS.

In his latest comic opera "The Princess Pat" Victor Herbert has written another score which is bound to be accepted among his best works of recent years. It is quite as tuneful as "The Only Girl" and more ambitious. From the moment the overtures begins "The Princess Pat" is recognized as a Herbert opera, for it is splendid, tuneful and refined with a beautiful delicacy and sweetness in its themes.

Henry Blossom's book tells a possible story in the same fashion by means of characters not distorted. The story revolves around Tony Olsen, Jr., Tony who lives only for Wine, Woman and Song, yet is the hero of the operetta, falls in love with Grace Holbrook, a pretty girl whom his father is about to marry, or rather buy. Old Olsen in time, falls in love with the Princess Pat. The Princess partly to draw the old rogue away from Grace and partly to arouse jealousy in her indolent husband. The Prince encourages old Olsen. To add to the complications, the younger Olsen while on a tour, has picked up a suave adventurer, Bob Darrow. Darrow offers to help everybody for a series of payments in cash. Through his endeavors an elopement, arrests, mutual entanglements. Among the songs which find especial favor are "Love is Best of All," "All For You" and "Two Laughing Irish Eyes." A good cast includes Charlotte LeGrande, Giorgio Sregario, Philip H. Ryley, Oscar Figman, Edie Toye, Earl Benham, Ben Hendricks, Dots Marks, Francis Bryan, Edward Metcalf and Henry Vincent. "The Princess Pat" will be produced with an effective chorus and an augmented Herbert orchestra, at the Grand Friday, Eve, May 26.

COLONIAL.

The Princess Players delighted another large house last night in the comedy drama, "Honest Hearts." This play is very true to life and in it one can see periods of their own life, that happened at one time or another. Mr. Omisbee scored a hit in the part of Jim Rowland, a Missouri sheriff, made famous by Nat Goodwin. Miss Ried as Sue was fine and the hearty laughter elicited by Mr. Neal and Miss Jacobs proved that they have greatly gained in popularity. Mr. Higgins played the villain well, while Mr. Miller was humorous, as Col. Ballbridge. A number of feature plays, the best of which is "Tilly's Beauty Contest," rounded out a splendid show.

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### OLD WORLD NOTES

To escape arrest a soldier jumped from the parapet of the Queen's bridge, Belfast, the other day and lost his life. He was being taken to the police station on suspicion of being an absentee from his regiment, and had almost reached the door of the building, when he suddenly broke away from the constable and bolted, racing in the direction of the Queen's bridge. The policeman followed and caught the soldier by the overcoat. Slipping off his overcoat which he left in the policeman's grasp, he jumped over the parapet of the bridge, and fell into the river, some 30 feet below. The police made strenuous efforts to effect a rescue, boats being put out into the stream almost immediately, but without avail.

One of the rafts recovered from the ill-fated Lusitania at the time she was torpedoed, formed part of a military parade through the principal streets of Dublin the other day. The streets were lined with crowds of interested spectators, and the exhibition of this mute relic of the Lusitania demonstrated more forcibly than many words the meaning of German "frighthfulness." The raft, which is of the most modern construction, fitted with air chambers, was found on the shore at Baltimore, containing many victims of German barbarity.

Considerable damage was occasioned the other night at the entrance to the Belfast terminus of the Midland railway by a remarkable tram accident, which, fortunately, was not attended with loss of life. Laden with passengers a car missed the points and dashed into the station gates carrying them off their hinges and wrecking one of the great iron pillars. Further than receiving the worse of their experience.

Early potatoes are not a great success this year in some parts of Ireland. It has been found on examination that many of the plots planted with early varieties in January and February in the South Kerry district have failed extensively owing to long continued moisture and to the hard frosts.

The Irish Women's Reform League have addressed a letter to the Recorder of Dublin, in which they deplore his advice given recently at the city sessions to return to the city streets with passengers a car missed the points and dashed into the station gates carrying them off their hinges and wrecking one of the great iron pillars.

### Metallic Magnesium

Many Uses For This Product—Found in Several Provinces.

Magnesium is one of the several metals which the present war has proved to be of great value. As with numerous other products, before the war, France, Great Britain and the United States were dependent on Germany for their supplies of this material. The price was steady at about \$1.45 per lb. but rose from \$2.50 shortly after the beginning of the war, to as high as \$7.50 per lb.

The chief uses of magnesium are: Scavenging alloys making denser, cleaner, stronger and more homogeneous alloys. Illumination as in military uses for shrapnel, tracer, star bombs, flare lights, etc., and in photography for flash lights. In aluminum castings a per cent. of magnesium cleans up the aluminum, almost doubling its tensile strength, quadrupling its resistance to shock or jar and reducing the cost of machining by more than 50 per cent. This is of great importance in connection with the construction of aero-planes and dirigible motors, high speed engines of every type and in all machinery or structures where strength, with a minimum of weight is required.

Metallic magnesium is usually recovered by the reduction of the chloride but it can also be obtained from the reduction of the oxide or carbonate. The common magnesium carbonate rock is known as magnesite. Deposits of this material occur in a limited area in the township of Grenville, Quebec. The production in 1915 (including some calcined), amounted to 14,779 tons, valued at \$126,535, in striking contrast with a yearly average production from 1908 to 1914, inclusive of 647½ tons. While the known deposits are limited in area there is every possibility that the district contains other workable deposits. Float magnesite has been found over a wide area. Magnesite is also found in Yukon and in the Cariboo district, British Columbia.

The highly refractory quality of magnesite and its ability to form a hard vitreous body when combined with magnesium chloride has led to its adoption for the manufacture of tile, flooring, roofing, artificial marble, wainscoting, etc. Magnesium bisulphate, is used in digesting and whitening wood pulp in paper mills.

### Oppose All Compulsion

British Miners' Federation Took Stand Against Compulsion.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

New York, May 11.—A news agency despatch from London published here today says: The British Miners' Federation today adopted resolutions opposing the spirit of compulsion, the miners served notice that they will "vigorously scrutinize" any extension of compulsion. The resolutions particularly protested against the drafting of youths of 18 years.

### ECHO PLACE NEWS

Mrs. Comfort and Miss Comfort were guests of their cousin, Mrs. J. L. Barnes.

Miss Scott and Miss Lee visited Miss Leta Meyer on Sunday last.

Private Horv of the 84th Battalion paid farewell visits to Echo Place this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Westbrook, Miss Muriel and Master Maurice were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. W. Meyer.

Last Sunday in May is anniversary day in Elm Ave. S.S. Special features for the day.

The Women's Institute will hold their meeting May 18th for election of officers for the coming year.

A feeling of discouragement is evident in a statement of the bureau of crop estimates regarding the winter wheat crop. Acreage abandonment was heavy.

Two Pullman coaches, lifted from a track and deposited on campus by the city engineers, are destined for fifty students by Blackburn College at Carlinville, Ill.

### ONLY MISCHIEF IN SCHOOL ISSUE

Minister of Trade and Commerce Characterizes Resolution on Bilingualism.

Ottawa, May 12.—"It seems like the foolish prank of a mischievous boy," said Sir George Foster yesterday in condemning the Laurier resolution calling for Federal interference in the bilingual school question in Ontario. The Minister of Trade and Commerce was one of a number of Ontario members who participated in an unalterable determination to resist any effort made under whatever pretext, to coerce the Province of Ontario. They were joined by men from the other side of the House, former followers of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, notably by Hon. Frank Oliver, who opposed the Laurier resolution on the ground that the multiplicity of races in the West would make a system of teaching in each language impossible and would lead to inefficiency and confusion. Mr. Oliver defended the Government of Manitoba for coping with an impossible condition.

The Laurier resolution was supported by Hon. Charles Harclay, Liberal; Mr. Paul Lamarche, Nationalist; and by Mr. F. F. Pardee, Liberal, of West Lambert, the latter asserting that he did not care if oblivion overtook him provided his cause was just.

Hon. George Graham defended the resolution on the ground that mediation would effect a settlement. The resolution was vigorously opposed by Dr. J. W. Edwards, of Frontenac, who commented upon the illiteracy of French-Canadians in Ontario; by Mr. H. B. Morphy of North Perth; Mr. A. C. Macdonald of South Toronto, and by Sir George Foster, who saw no reason for the introduction of the resolution unless it was done for mischief.

The debate was continued into the early hours of the morning, following a decision to vote at this sitting.



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NEW SECRETARY AFTER 46 YEARS

Discussion of Work of the Association in the Armes.

Cleveland, O., May 12.—A number of important matters affecting the administration of the Young Men's Christian Associations of North America will come before the international triennial convention—the legislative body of the brotherhood—which will be held in Cleveland beginning to-day, continuing through to the 15th. It is said that the meeting will be one of the most significant of any of the previous thirty-nine meetings that have been held. There will be a thousand guests at the convention, in addition to the two thousand accredited delegates, and many hundreds of "corresponding members." The Associations eligible to representation include 700 city associations, 250 railroad; 800 college and 600 county or rural associations, as well as the Army and Navy branches of the Y. M. C. A.

The convention marks its 50th anniversary of the establishment of the International Committee, and the change in leadership of the committee from Richard C. Morse, who for 46 years was its general secretary, and who is now retiring, to John R. Mott, recently elected general secretary.

MORE DEMOCRACY.

One of the questions to be voted upon is a proposal to increase the element of democracy in the supervision of the brotherhood. On an initiative resolution which has been approved by an overwhelming vote of the directors of the associations in all parts of the United States and Canada, it is proposed that the lay delegates will hereafter have a much larger proportion of the convention devoted to discussion from the floor, with fewer addresses from the platform. While the large assembly of the convention will be in Gray's armory, there will be this year a greater number of smaller sectional meetings with a greatly increased opportunity for the discussion and legislation. The hall of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and various Cleveland churches will be the places of holding these sectional meetings.

The Cleveland Association is also mounting the second floor of its large building to accommodate an exhibit of Y. M. C. A. buildings, equipment and efficiency.

The importance of the Associations work with the armies in Europe will have special attention. Hundreds of trained secretaries who have been sent over from the United States and Canada, and who have been at work in the trenches, as well as with the prisoners on both sides of the lines will report on this phase of Y. M. C. A. work.

FOREIGN WORK.

The question of the supervision of the Association in foreign lands such as China, Korea, Japan, India, Panama; Philippines; Cuba; Argentine; Brazil, Chile, Uruguay and other countries will also be considered. A special commission has been studying for three years the tremendous expansion of the Association movement abroad, and the findings of this commission will be presented by L. Wilbur Messer, of Chicago, as chairman. The convention will be called upon to decide whether or not it will capitalize a retirement fund for secretaries who have practically completed their life-time of service. The commission is headed by W. Ayer of Philadelphia. He will probably ask that the fund be capitalized to begin with at \$1,000,000, perhaps more. It depends upon the actual studies which he is now having made. This retirement fund will parallel that provided by many of the denominations for clergymen, by the Carnegie fund for professors in colleges, and such retirement funds as the Y. M. C. A. Railroad, as well as government services. So far the Y. M. C. A. has had nothing of this kind.

EDUCATIONAL MATTERS.

Another important discussion is to be the extent to which the Association should enter the educational field. Like the public schools, it has inaugurated summer institutes for the training of its younger secretaries and has bought properties in Essex Park, near Colorado Springs; Lake Geneva in Wisconsin; Silver Bay on Lake George; and Black Mountain in North Carolina where it assembles for training purposes its less experienced secretaries and candidates and officers for systematic education and training during the summer period.

In addition to this the Association has established institutions of college grade at Chicago and Springfield, Mass., which have a very much larger attendance for example than any other theological school of this country, and where not only secretaries but physical directors and all sorts of Association specialists are specially trained. The extent to which the Association shall utilize regular professional colleges of the country or shall assist its own training agencies will be reported upon by a committee of which W. M. Birks of Montreal is chairman.

FAMOUS SPEAKERS

A remarkable group of men prominent in civic and religious life, will address the convention. These will include General Leonard Wood, Dr. John R. Jowett of New York City; Bishop William F. McDowell of Chicago; John D. Rockefeller, jr.;