

VON BERNSTORFF THINKS U. S. CAN SETTLE WHOLE MARINE WAR PROBLEM

Today's Appointment With Secretary Lansing to Urge That U. S. Make Such Effort.

**WANTS MEDIATION OF
SEA DISPUTES BY U. S.**

**Germany Wants to Join U. S.
In Effort to Establish Prin-
ciples America Is Con-
tending For.**

Bia Strike Threatens Krupp Plant, Is Report

Geneva, Switzerland, July 15.—Reports have reached Basil that a big strike threatens at the Krupp plant at Essen. It is said the union of metallurgical workers and the association of mechanics are demanding higher wages on account of the high cost of living and shorter hours on account of the great strain under which they have to work. The workmen are said to be in an angry mood and to have threatened the destruction of machinery unless their demands are granted immediately, as they have been put off for three months.

The advices add that several high officials have arrived at Essen to try to compose the situation and that Bertha Krupp is also assisting in trying to settle differences.

Ten Thousand Chinese Die in Terrible Floods

Hong Kong, July 16.—Ten thousand natives, it is estimated, have been drowned by the floods in three Chinese provinces, and the desolation in the devastated districts is terrible, according to late reports.

Washington, July 16.—The American gunboats Wilmington and Callao of the Asiatic squad are rushing from Hong Kong to the zone of the recent floods in China on urgent rescue work. Commander Huff of the Wilmington cabbed that the Callao was bound for West River, while the Wilmington was en route for Canton.

Consul General Anderson at Hong Kong reports that Canton is isolated except to the most powerful steamers. Thousands have been drowned and tens of thousands are taking refuge in higher places. A thousand homes have been burned, the American mission property has been damaged or destroyed and foreigners are seeking refuge at the British consulate at Fu Chow. So far as is known no Americans have been drowned.

Mexico City Confronted With a Money Famine

Washington, July 16.—Mexico City freed from the perils of siege and with the prospect of food for the starving is now confronted with a money famine. Millions in currency were issued by the various factions as the control of the city passed back and forth during the past year by the representatives of each succeeding government and all are of doubtful value.

Villa issued large amounts as did Zapata, while Obregon, when he first occupied the city for Carranza, issued large amounts.

Now that food may come, many of the famine sufferers, although they have money, may be unable to buy.

Officials here except that Carranza will act quickly to relieve the situation. Travelers who arrived at Vera Cruz yesterday report that the capital is quiet and that foreigners are safe from molestation. The populace seem indifferent, they say, to the shifting reigns of government.

Freak Styles In Women's Shoes Opposed by Ass'cn

New York, July 16.—After a meeting of the representatives of the National Shoe Retailers association, the National Boot and Shoe Manufacturers association, the National Shoe Wholesalers association and the National Last association, a declaration was issued against the so-called freakish styles in women's shoes. Manufacturers of shoes were disposed to agree with retailers that more conservative styles would come next season.

Women's shoes of ordinary wear will be black with cloth uppers. Perforations and other decorations will be frowned down. Men's shoes will remain of conservative design in black or tan color.

REWARD SYSTEM STARTED BY SOUTHERN BELL CO.

Valuable Suggestions of Employees of Telephone Company to Be Paid For.

The Southern Bell Telephone company has just adopted a unique plan to reward its employees who make useful suggestions to be applied by the company in its operation. The purpose of this plan is to encourage the members of the organization to submit constructive suggestions about any feature of the telephone business tending to the improvement of the company's men, methods and material.

Under this plan, members of the organization who make suggestions which, if put into practice, result in economy of time, effort or material, or improved service, will be honorably mentioned in the company's paper, and will also receive cash rewards in accordance with the provisions of the plan.

Some of the subjects on which suggestions are invited are the following:

The company spirit, relations between employees, the arrangement or working of the organization, methods of administration, public relations, convenience of the public, improved service, plant methods, traffic methods, accounting methods, office methods, selling methods, advertising methods, plans for getting new business, plans for holding the business, materials, the use of the materials, the handling of materials, furniture, the use of furniture, stationery, tools, methods of transportation, educational methods, methods leading to safety, the company paper.

The value of suggestions will be measured by the money saved directly and indirectly. The time and effort saved, a better or fuller use of some-

FRENCH AGAIN TAKE HILL 285

Recapture Positon in Forest of Argonne Which Germans Had Stormed, Is Paris Report.

FRESH GERMAN FORCES IN RUSSIAN PROVINCES

**Vigorous Operations Under
Way in Courland and Kovno
—Italians Consolidat-
ing Gains.**

London, July 16.—Von Hindenburg is again in the lime light in the eastern war theatre, where the Germans have forced their way into the zone which they reached last winter, when a Russian counter offensive saved Warsaw from capture.

Petrograd apparently is not greatly disturbed over the latest German drive, claiming that the most severe frontal fighting must take place before the Polish capital is surrounded by Hindenburg and Mackensen.

In southeastern Galicia the Austro-German army is crossing the Dneister under heavy Russian artillery fire; and fighting again is most lively on Russia's most distant front—the Caucasus, where both Turks and Russians claim success.

London, July 16.—German troops in the province of Russian provinces of Courland and Kovno have been reinforced and vigorous operations are under way in that section. The Russians are offering stubborn resistance.

RUSSIAN SHIPS DAG SUBMARINE

Germany's Famous U-51 Destroyed in Black Sea by Russian Warship, Says Athens Dispatch.

**SAID TO HAVE SUNK
SEVERAL WAR SHIPS**

Also Reported to Have Eluded British Blockade, Passing Gibraltar on Way to Dardanelles.

London, July 16.—The German submarine U-51 has been sunk in the Black sea by Russian warships, according to information received from Varna, a Bulgarian port on the Black sea, says an Athens dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company.

The U-51 gained fame by eluding the British blockade and passing through the Straits of Gibraltar on its way from Wilhelmshaven, the great German naval base, to operate against the allied ships in the Dardanelles. The submarine is credited with sinking several vessels belonging to the allies, including the British battleship *Malefic*.

The British blockading fleet at Gibraltar was reported to have been warned of the approach of the submarine but failed to stop her. The U-51 later passed through the Sea of Marmora and reported to the commander at Constantinople.

If the report of the destruction of the submarine is true, the craft evidently went from the Turkish capital through the Bosphorus, probably to operate against the Russian Black sea fleet.

IRON MINE COMPANY TO BEGIN SHIPMENTS

New Corporation Plans to Begin Shipments of Iron Ore Monday.

The Shut-In-Iron Mine company of Asheville, chartered Monday by the state of North Carolina, expects to begin the shipment of iron ore from Hot Springs on Monday, July 26, according to the statement of one of its officers this morning.

The officers of the company are Anson G. Betts, president and treasurer; Allen S. Hurlburt, vice president; E. V. Correll of Hot Springs, secretary and manager; and H. G. Ethridge, cashier.

The principal office of the new corporation is located in this city. The mines are located on Shut-in-creek in the vicinity of Hot Springs and it is stated that there are large deposits of ore on the property of the company. A plant has been erected at the mines for the purpose of washing the ore free from clay and about two miles of tram road have been constructed over which the mineral is hauled to the company's sidetrack near Hot Springs.

The incorporation of the company follows experiments for testing the quality of the ore in that locality that have been going on for some months. Dr. Betts, who is an expert chemist, has given a great deal of time to these tests and to ascertaining the extent of the vein. The company expects to give regular employment to a number of men and the announcement that shipments will begin at once adds one more industry to the list of enterprises that are developing the resources of western North Carolina.

NEW TERRITORY FOR THE FEDERAL LEAGUE

Chicago, July 16.—New territory will be invaded by the Federal league, according to an announcement by James A. Gilmore, president of the league, who also confirmed the report that the headquarters of the league would be moved from Chicago to New York within two weeks. It was planned, he admitted, to have a new circuit in 1916, perhaps including Detroit, Boston or Cleveland. Already it had been decided, he said to place a club in New York city.

FIRST BIG U. S. WARSHIP PASSING THROUGH CANAL

Headquarters to Be Moved to New York—To Place Team in N. Y.

Panama, July 16.—The Panama canal was used today for the first time by large battleships of the United States navy—the Mississippi, the Ohio and the Wisconsin—carrying the naval cadets from Annapolis to San Francisco. The vessels left Cristobal at 10 a. m. and were to reach Gaillard cut and pass the slide there this afternoon at 2 o'clock. They are due to reach Balboa, the Pacific terminal of the canal, at 4 p. m.

The Panama canal has been used by warships before. The Peruvian gunboat Teniente Rodriguez passed through August 17, 1914, and a flotilla of American submarines went through February 25 last to join other vessels of the navy in battle practice.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE HELD AT MORGANTON

Special to The Gazette-News.

"Forest City, July 16.—Rev. J. A. Bowles, pastor of the East Main Methodist church left yesterday to attend the Morganton district conference, which convenes in Gilkey. This conference is composed of all the Methodist preachers of the Morganton district, all local and superannuated preachers, district and charge leaders, and four delegates from each pastoral charge. The conference will have under consideration and discuss several matters of importance pertaining, especially, to the charges of this district. The spiritual state of the different charges, Sunday schools, Epworth leagues, the American Bible society and funds raised for same, the financial system of the different charges, and other matters of the like nature, will be discussed daily. The conference will be in session until Saturday.

HARRY K. THAW GETS FREEDOM

Justice Hendrick Adopts Decision of Jury Which Adjudged Slayer of Stanford White Sane.

**STATE IMMEDIATELY
ENTERS AN APPEAL**

Thaw Required to Post \$35,000 Bond—Hendrick Comments Unfavorably on State Alienists.

New York, July 16.—Harry K. Thaw, adjudged sane Wednesday by a jury, was given his freedom today by Supreme Court Justice Peter A. Hendrick, who announced that he had adopted the jury's verdict. The state immediately served notice of appeal and Justice Hendrick fixed Thaw's bail at \$35,000 to insure his presence at future court proceedings.

A surety company was prepared to make Thaw's bond, and Thaw was at once taken from the court room to the judge's chamber for the arrangement of the details.

Crowds numbering thousands lined the streets near the court house and cheered Thaw when he appeared on the court house steps.

In announcing his decision, Justice Hendrick took occasion to comment unfavorably on the action of alienists for the state who assisted in preparing the case against Thaw and then appeared in court as witnesses.

"I have reached a decision in the case," Justice Hendrick said. "It is based on my mind fortified by the action of the jury."

Thaw, sitting with his counsel, his mother and sister anticipated the decision with a broad smile.

OFFICERS PROMOTED BY THE MYSTIC SHRINERS

James E. Candler, of Kansas City Chosen Imperial Outer Guard.

Seattle, Wash., July 16.—The imperial council Nobles of the Mystic Shrine named the members of the Imperial Divan yesterday, the election being a mere formality. Imperial Potentate Frederick B. Smith, of Rochester, retired and the officers under him were promoted each one step. The following is the new list of officials:

Imperial Potentate J. Putnam Stevens, Portland, Me.; Imperial Deputy Potentate, Henry F. Niedringhaus, Jr., St. Louis; Imperial Chief Rabban Charles E. Ovenshire, Minneapolis; Imperial Assistant Rabban, Elias J. Jacoby, Indianapolis; Imperial High Priest and Prophet, W. Freedom Kendrick, Philadelphia; Treasurer, William S. Brown, Pittsburg; Recorder, Benjamin W. Rowlett, Boston; Imperial Oriental Guide, Ellis J. Garretson, Tacoma; Imperial First Ceremonial Master, Ernest A. Cutts, Savannah; Imperial Second Ceremonial Master, James S. McCordless, Honolulu; Imperial Marshal, John T. Jones, Oklahoma City; Imperial Captain of the Guards, Conrad V. Dykeman, Brooklyn.

James E. Candler, of Kansas City, was elected imperial outer guard. Buffalo was selected for the Mystic Shrine convention of 1916.

ANOTHER NEGRO ON CHARGES OF PERJURY

Swore He Bought Liquor and Voiced Witnesses—They Denied It.

Charles Jones, colored, was held to Superior court under a \$500 bond on charges of perjury in Police court this morning. Jones is alleged to have committed perjury in the case of retelling against Luther Frasier, colored, when he swore that he bought beer from Frasier and named several other negroes who were present and helped him drink the beer. These negroes took the stand and swore that they did not see the sale nor did they help Jones drink any beer on the dates he mentioned.

Janie Barber, colored, was given four months on charges of retelling to Charles Mobley. She appealed and bond was fixed at \$200.

J. E. Earwood was taxed with \$1 of the costs on charges of expectorating on a sidewalk.

Zeke Gibson was taxed with the costs on charges of refusing to pay day hire.

Prayer for judgment was continued in the case of violating the traffic laws against Robert Williams.

MANY CASES DISPOSED OF DURING FIRST WEEK

Judge B. F. Long and Solicitor J. E. Swain Dispatch Work With Promptness.

The first week of the three week term of Superior court for the trial of criminal cases, which convened here last Monday will end tomorrow and during this time a large number of the most important cases on the docket have been disposed of. With Judge B. F. Long presiding and Solicitor J. E. Swain in charge of the prosecution the work of the court has been dispatched with promptness and thoroughness.

It is expected that the grand jury will complete the work assigned to it this afternoon and be dismissed. The jury reported for dismissal yesterday afternoon, but on hearing that several magistrates in the county had committed men to jail without sending the papers to the court he ordered that the jury remain on duty and investigate these reports. Up to noon today no report had been made by the grand jury.

Ada Anderson, colored, was arraigned on a charge of arson, and pleaded not guilty, but no date was set for the hearing.

Theodore McCorkel, colored, was found guilty of violating the anti-liquor law. Berry Hensley was found guilty in liquor cases but no sentence has been passed. George Knox, colored was found guilty of retailing.

T. C. Johnson was given two years on the roads on charges of store breaking. Buck Killian was arraigned on six charges, in several of which he pleaded guilty but no sentence was passed.

Bob Goodson pleaded guilty to carrying a concealed weapon and disturbing public worship.

A feature of the morning session was the speech made to the jury by Bud Payne, colored, in the case against him of disorderly conduct. Bud addressed the jury for about 30 minutes, in which he pleaded his cause very forcibly and the jury found him not guilty.

A true bill charging perjury has been returned against W. H. Bush. It is understood that it grew out of a retailing case against him in which he was found not guilty several days ago.

ADMISSION MADE BY AMERICAN OFFICIALS

Washington, July 16.—The Austrian diplomatic representations to the American exports of war materials to the allies were attaining dimensions which were endangering the neutrality of the United States, have been under consideration by the state department since July 1, but no report has been decided on. The Austria note was delivered to Ambassador Penfield June 29 and will probably be given out here. The substance of the representations, however, was reported in last night's news dispatch from Vienna.