

Berlin May Be Given An Opportunity to Present Reasons for Sinking the Arabic

ARABIC NOT CONVOYED; TENSION IN WASHINGTON OFFICIAL CIRCLES HIGH

Denial of Report That Warships Accompanied Liner in War Zone Increases Gravity of the Situation.

AFFIDAVITS SAY LINER RECEIVED NO WARNING
Definitely Known That Some Americans Were Lost When Submarine Sank White Star Liner.

Washington, Aug. 21.—It was announced by the state department today that American Ambassador Gerard at Berlin will probably be directed to call the German government's attention to the sinking of the White Star liner Arabic and invite an explanation.

This was the first indication from official sources that Germany would be given an opportunity to give reasons for the submarine attack on the liner in apparent disregard of President Wilson's solemn warning that such would be regarded as deliberately unfriendly. The state department's attitude is that if the German government has any facts which in its opinion might go to mitigate the circumstances of the attack—such as an attempt to escape, or resistance or attack on the submarine the Berlin foreign office should be given an opportunity to present them.

Today's announcement more-over indicates that before President Wilson takes any action there may be exchanges of diplomatic communications.

It is understood that it is the state department's policy to show the utmost deliberation consistent with the delicacy of the situation and omit no opportunity to avoid severing relations with Germany so long as it can reasonably expect a sufficient excuse can be given for the sinking of the Arabic.

Secretary Lansing said that no action had been taken and that the state department continued to await official information necessary to determine the government's course.

Although it was reported that the German embassy had evidence that Captain Finch of the Arabic, had been warned of the attack in time to escape before the torpedo was discharged, it was said at the state department that no information of the kind had been received from the German embassy or from any other official quarter.

London, Aug. 21.—The British government authorized the statement today that the steamer Arabic was not being convoyed when torpedoed by a German submarine.

It had been reported that the liner was accompanied by

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The Gazette-News Is Arranging to Give Away \$3,500 In Premiums and Cash Commissions—Every One Who Works Can Earn Something—Campaign Begins Monday.

If you failed to get the full details of the campaign in yesterday's Gazette-News you should find enough time today to acquaint yourself with the great opportunities which are bound to come your way between now and October 16.

The Gazette-News has a number of times offered similar opportunities for the "live ones," but this is a distinct improvement—a far more liberal offer—than has ever been made in Asheville.

The outlay in cash for this event is costing The Gazette-News \$3,500.00 and this money is going to the candidates who enter into the campaign with a view of earning something. The striking improvement in fairness for the candidate, lies in the arrangement which will assure pay to every one. Those who fail to get the costly premiums will have their commissions on all money turned in and no one will be required to spend time and effort to find disappointment at the end. There is sure pay, and in addition to this, your opportunity will be as good as that of any one to take off one of the twelve costly premiums. The important thing to do today is to visit The Gazette-News office and set stakes for what you want. Call phone 202 and ask any questions that might come up in your mind. Do not delay. The campaign starts next Monday, but you should have your preliminary arrangement made now—and really you ought to be letting your friends know which premium you most desire.

The big Studebaker car, the first grand premium, will soon be on display at the O. K. Auto Supply and

Transit company. The new 1916 Model Ford touring car will be on display at the D. C. Shaw Motor company, the pianos and gramophones on display at Dunham's Music house and beautiful wristlet watches and lavalliers are on display at Charles E. Henderson's.

The dealers from whom these valuable premiums were purchased will be glad to give their time to those who wish to call and inspect the premiums. It is certain to make the impression general that this is one of the best selections and arrangements for premiums that any newspaper has ever been able to get together for a campaign. There is not a premium that is not of the highest order of art and workmanship, not a single premium has been offered that would not be prized highly by the most fastidious person.

The nomination blank appearing in the ad of this issue is good for 2,500 votes. All that is necessary to do to make a start is to fill out and send to the subscription department of The Gazette-News.

There also appears a daily coupon good for 100 votes this should be carefully preserved and sent in before the expiration of time. As stated in our ad of yesterday this is not an old time popularity "contest" but a subscription campaign conducted and operated by The Gazette-News in its own subscription department. There will be no buying, selling or transferring of votes and The Gazette-News wishes to make this statement with a positive guarantee that every one participating in this campaign will be given a fair and square deal.

Storm In Middle West Does Enormous Damage

St. Louis, Aug. 21.—An offshoot of the terrible storm which swept through Texas early in the week yesterday did damage estimated at several million dollars to crops and other property, seriously impaired transportation facilities and wire communication and endangered thousands of lives in Illinois, Arkansas and Missouri. Six persons are missing

and a thousand are homeless. St. Louis, its suburbs and neighboring towns suffered most from the flood. An unprecedented downpour of seven to nine inches of rain in 24 hours converted brooks into torrents which swept away bridges, dams, homes and everything else in their paths.

At East Alton, Ill., three hundred feet of the new levee gave way.

warships when attacked by the submarine.

Tension Not Lessened.

Washington, Aug. 21.—There has been no appreciable lessening of the tension here, since news came of the sinking of the Arabic. The feeling of anxiety is caused, in large part, by the absence of definite information. Never has the censorship been more strict, and the few dispatches are sent in fragmentary form. One cablegram from London this forenoon settled one point over which there has been such speculation: the Arabic was not convoyed, and this strengthens the impression in some official circles that the submarine command was determined to sink the Arabic and gave little if any advance warning. Of course if this assumption is finally borne out by the official reports, it will mean that Germany is unwilling to comply with the request of our state department for "assurances" that American citizens would not be harmed, when aboard the merchant ships of the belligerent nations.

Recent consular messages contained affidavits of American survivors which gave definite information that the vessel was torpedoed without warning, and that some Americans had been lost.

In addition to awaiting information from the American survivors, the embassy in London and American consuls, officials expect some word from Ambassador Gerard at Berlin to indicate whether the attack without warning on the Arabic had the sanction of the German government. Should Germany offer an explanation asserting there were qualifying circumstances, such as an attempt by the Arabic to escape or ram the submarine, the disposition on Germany's part to discuss the case would in all likelihood be construed here as a disavowal of any intention deliberately to violate the principles for which the United States has contended.

The theory that the Arabic may have attempted to ram the German submarine was scouted by naval officers of high rank, who said the prevailing impression that a large passenger vessel could ram a submarine was erroneous.

Cymric Convoyed.
New York, Aug. 21.—Passengers and members of the crew of the White Star liner Cymric asserted on arrival here that the Cymric had been convoyed after leaving Liverpool August 11 by five British warships and was not permitted to sail unaccompanied until she had left the war zone behind.

DISAGREEMENT AS TO INQUIRY IN FRANK CASE

Officials of Baldwin and Cobb Counties Reported at Loggerheads Over Who Takes Initiative.

GOVERNOR HARRIS CALLS MEETING OF OFFICIALS

Will Ask That All Make Every Effort to Bring to Justice Men Engaged in the Lynching.

Atlanta, Aug. 20.—Having offered a reward of \$1,500 for the first three convictions in connection with the lynching of Leo M. Frank has been announced by Governor Nat E. Harris that he had called a conference in Atlanta of the officials of Baldwin and Cobb counties to consider what future steps should be taken.

The state prison farm from which Frank was abducted is in Baldwin county and his body was found hanging to the limb of an oak tree near Marietta in Cobb county.

It has been reported that the officials of the two counties have been at loggerheads over which should take the initiative in attempting to bring to justice the persons connected with the lynching. This situation is further complicated by the more recent report that Frank may have been done to death in a third county at some point on the Milledgeville-Marietta highway, the body being carried later to the outskirts of Marietta for a more conspicuous display. The report is based on the theory that daylight was nearing and the mob might have feared they would be overtaken and interference with their plans.

In the proclamation offering the reward Governor Harris takes cognizance of doubt as to where Frank was killed by saying that the prisoner was taken from the state farm in Baldwin county and found dead in Cobb county. At the conference, it was said the officials of the counties involved might agree as to the future conduct of the investigation. Governor Harris said he had asked for the cooperation of the sheriff, the solicitor and the county judge of each county.

"I will ask the judges to charge the grand juries especially on the subject," said Governor Harris, "and I will ask the solicitors to make every effort to push the investigation, and I will ask the sheriffs to co-operate with the judges and solicitors."

"This lynching is a blot upon the fair name of the state that can never be erased unless the guilty men are punished to the limit of the law."

Governor Nat E. Harris let it be known that the people of Georgia would resent outside interference in dealing with conditions growing out of the lynching of Leo M. Frank.

"The lynching," he said, "was a crime against the civilization of our state and cannot be erased. None of us approves of mob violence or lynch law and all of us regret what has happened. I have and will continue to exert every power at my command to bring the members of the mob to justice."

"But if the members of the mob are brought to justice it will be through the courageous efforts of Georgia officials and courts, supported by the sentiment of the citizens of the state, and not through the newspaper editorials and resolutions of invading armies and offers of rewards coming from other states."

"I am afraid these things will only serve to aggravate a situation that already is deeply humiliating to our people and if they continue will eventually in a great deal more harm than good by defeating the efforts of the state to apprehend the guilty parties."

LEADS WORK OF BOYS AND GIRLS

Lieut. Gov. Daughtridge Enthusiastic About Accomplishment of Corn, Pig and Canning Clubs.

OPTIMISTIC CONCERNING RACE FOR GOVERNORSHIP

Special Features Film Producing Company of Asheville Chartered—Capt. Langdon to Leave.

Raleigh, Aug. 21.—Lieutenant Governor E. L. Daughtridge, here from Rocky Mount, spent several hours with the 235 boys here from every part of the state as members of the corn, pig and poultry clubs and talks enthusiastically of this work and its effect on the agricultural interests of the state.

He says this movement surely means that very soon the state will be rid of the 40 to 50 millions dollars drain on the state for food supplies that ought by all means to be produced in the state. It brings about self support among the farmers. He says that it is all too true that it has all these years required about all the revenue that comes from the cotton crop in this state to buy the food supplies that the state fails to produce for its yearly consumption. The boys, he says, are a splendid and most promising crowd and have the enthusiasm and grasp of purpose that assure high attainment.

Mr. Daughtridge added that the work of the tomato or canning clubs among the girls on the farms is nearly or quite as far reaching and important as that of the boys clubs. These canning clubs, he says, assure the saving of what quantities of fruits and vegetables for winter home use and to be marketed at large profit that heretofore has constituted a great waste and direct loss to the farmers.

Optimistic About Race.
Asked about his campaign for governor Mr. Daughtridge declared that developments to his advantage have more than fulfilled his expectations thus far, and that as matters now stand he will certainly be in the contest to the finish and with a fine prospect for winning the nomination. He says that in spite of the claims of his opponent (Attorney General Bickett), to have a following assured that gives him the nomination, he believes that there has really been no crystallization of opinion or definite lining up of forces in which estimates that really mean anything can be based and he believes that the sober and final thought of the folks out in the state will be favorable to his claims for the governorship.

Tobacco Records.
A report by the state board of agriculture issued today shows that fifty-two tobacco markets in this state sold during the fiscal year ending August 1 a grand total of 230,214,444 pounds of which 202,787,292 pounds were first hand for growers and the remainder resales for dealers and warehouses. The total sales for previous year were 189,642,315 pounds. Wilson has first place with 23,508,993 pounds first hand and 30,831,011 pounds including resales; Winston-Salem second with 22,748,814 pounds first hand and 27,787,831 including resales. Other notable first hand sales were Durham, 7,787,904; Walnut Cove, 1,927,714; Mount Airy, 2,978,432; Madison, 1,699,132; Efkln, 1,437,864; Pilot Mountain, 906,906.

Asheville Film Company Chartered.
Charters were issued for the following new corporations:
Tranquil Park Co., Charlotte, capital \$100,000 authorized and \$200 subscribed by John Q. Myers, P. C. Whitlock and J. P. Moore for real estate development.

The Special Features Film Producing Co. of Asheville, capital \$100,000 authorized and \$1,900 subscribed by R. Reynolds, Marcus Erwin, and M. S. Reynolds.

The Quality Clothing Co., of Salisbury, capital \$25,000 authorized and \$14,000 subscribed by Jacob Sacks and others for general clothing and furnishings business.

The Washbourne-Mann Manufacturing Co., Washington, capital \$20,000 authorized and \$6,000 subscribed by H. J. Washburn, S. M. Nicholson and others for manufacturing a special device for listing automobiles so they will not stand on the rubber tires.

The Robeson Auto Co. of Charlotte, capital \$125,000 authorized and \$200 subscribed by Armisted Hurwell, E. D. Latta, Jr. and others.

150,000 BULGARS NOW ON BORDER

CONCERNED ABOUT OTHER STEAMERS

Shipping Circles Disturbed Over Rumors and Absence of News of Lapland.

New York, Aug. 21.—The British censor apparently has silenced the wires leading to the White Star line here from England. Only one dispatch relating to the sinking of the Arabic—a message detailing certain changes in previous lists of survivors and missing—escaped his blue pencil. The lack of definite news from abroad was balanced by a host of rumors that tried the nerves of officials and left them in a keen state of apprehension as to the fate of at least one more large steamer in or near the war zone, the Lapland, which sailed August 12 from this port for Liverpool with 318 passengers, including thirteen Americans, and a capacity cargo of war munitions and other supplies. In one instance, a vague report of disaster to another White Star vessel proved true. This was the report that the liner Bovie, a freighter departing from New York August 8 with a big cargo, but no passengers, for Manchester, had met the Arabic's fate.

A third report dealt with the steamer Nicolsian, of the Leyland line, a subsidiary of the International Mercantile Marine company, owners of the White Star line. A rumor that she too had been destroyed by a German submarine was current but, like many similar rumors that agitated ship owners here recently, lacked confirmation. Coupled with this rumor, whose source could not be learned, was the report that she was a troop ship. This was disproven by maritime records which showed that she sailed from New Orleans August 1 for Avonmouth and Liverpool.

COBB AND SNYDER LEAD IN HITTING

Snyder Nosed Ahead of Doyle by Three Points—Other Baseball Records.

Chicago, Aug. 21.—Tyrus Cobb of Detroit retains his lead over American league batters, his average being .395. He is followed by Speaker of Boston with .321. In 112 games Cobb leads in run getting with 113 scored. He also remains the king of the base stealers with a mark of 71, and leads in total bases with 212. Burns of Detroit holds the home run honors with five circuit drives.

Boston with six of her men and Detroit with three veterans in the .300 class, are tied for club batting leadership with .267. Foster of Boston leads American league pitchers.

Captain Larry Doyle of the New York Giants has been nosed out of first place for National league batting honors by Snyder of St. Louis with .327. Doyle's average is .324. Cravath of Philadelphia leads in run getting with 65 and also leads in home runs with 15. Carey of Pittsburgh with 29 stolen bases leads in that department and Groh of Cincinnati held the lead for total bases with 175. Mammox of Pittsburgh with 18 won and five games lost leads National league pitching.

In the Federal league Magee of Brooklyn with .256 leads the batters.

U. S. DISTRICT COURT WAS ADJOURNED TODAY

After a short session this morning at which some routine matters were considered United States District court was adjourned and Judge James E. Boyd and his private secretary, Luther Hallock will leave this afternoon for their homes in Greensboro. The next term of the court here will convene on Thursday of the second week in November.

Bulgaria Concentrates Immense Bodies of Troops on Turkish Frontier, Says Saloniki Dispatch.

BULGARIA SATISFIED WITH ENTENTE OFFERS

Russians Still Fighting Desperately But Vainly to Check Onrush of the Austro-German Invaders.

Naples, Aug. 21.—A dispatch from the Mattine from Saloniki says that Bulgaria has concentrated 150,000 troops along the Turkish frontier.

Recent dispatches from Sofia agreed that Bulgaria was satisfied with the territorial concessions offered by the entente powers as the price of her aid in the war. The consent of Serbia and Greece is awaited before the allies conclude their negotiations with Bulgaria.

If Bulgaria declares war on Turkey it is understood she will receive generous financial assistance from the entente nations.

London, Aug. 21.—Russian field armies are fighting desperately but vainly to check the onrush of the Austro-German armies. Novogorodsk, the last Polish fortress to hold out has fallen. Ossowetz, north of Poland has thus far resisted only because of the marshy nature of the country, which prevented the Germans from using their heavy guns effectively.

South of the Brest-Litovsk Field Marshal Von Mackensen has penetrated far beyond the Bug river. Other armies east of the river have rendered serious Russian defense on the Bialystok-Brest-Litovsk line virtually impossible.

The naval battle in the Gulf of Riga was still in progress at the time of the latest dispatches from Petrograd, which, however, gave no detail of the fighting.

J. D. BOURNE LEAVES CITY TO ACCEPT NEW POSITION

James D. Bourne, Jr., known to his friends as "Jimmie," will leave Asheville tomorrow morning to accept a position with the Westinghouse Lamp company whose southern office is at Atlanta.

Mr. Bourne has been connected with the Piedmont Electric company of this city for the past six years and has met with much success in the electrical business. He is well known in fraternal circles and has a host of friends in this city who will learn with regret that he is moving his residence to another town. Mr. Bourne's headquarters will be at Jacksonville.

SPECIAL SERMON TO JUNIOR ORDER MEMBERS

All member of the Junior Order are requested to meet in the hall of Asheville Council No. 6, opposite the post office, at 10 o'clock on Sunday morning to attend religious services in a body at West End Baptist church.

A special sermon will be preached to the Junior Order by the pastor Rev. J. B. Grice.

All members of French Broad, Bltmore, and Emma councils and all visiting Juniors in the city are cordially invited and requested to attend these services.

Negro Arrested.

Will Murray, colored, arrested by detectives of the local police department, on advice of the Hendersonville authorities, where he is said to be wanted on charges of breaking jail was turned over today to officers of that town.

Died Last Night.

The body of Mrs. Hattie Johnson who died here last night, will be shipped to the home in St. George, E. C. this afternoon and funeral services on interment will take place there tomorrow.