

WEATHER FORECAST. North Carolina—Fair tonight, Saturday and probably Sunday, with out decided temperature change. South Carolina—Fair tonight and probably frost in interior.

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SECRET WIRELESS FOUND ON APPAM

AMERICANS TAKEN BY THE GERMANS NOW AT LIBERTY

Neutrals Taken Off Yarrowdale Turned Loose From German Detention Camp NOW ON THEIR WAY TO SWITZERLAND.

Released and Started Off Wednesday—Held Until Expiration of The Quarantine Period.

Almost Three Score in Party. Berno, Switzerland, March 9.—(Via Paris)—There are 59 of the men from the Yarrowdale in the party which has left Berlin for Switzerland.

SHIP CAME OVER WITHOUT MAIL

First Norwegian Steamer Arrives Since German Sub-Campaign Started.

New York, March 9.—The Norwegian passenger ship, Bergenfjord, from Bergen, Norway, by way of Halifax, arrived here today in ballast. The Bergenfjord is the first ship from Norway to arrive here since the German submarine blockade was announced. Officers of the ship said that under orders from their owners they sailed without passengers, cargo or mail, leaving in Bergen hundreds of persons, many of whom were Americans anxious to come to the United States. Kirkwall, until recently the designated British port of call for neutral ships, was avoided, a northerly course enabling the ship to avoid the danger zone in accordance with arrangements made with Great Britain prior to sailing, the vessel put in at Halifax. There she was delayed three days pending an examination of crew and ship. No passengers are being looked for on the return voyage, it was announced today by the line.

BURGLARS AWAITED TO ROB COUPLE.

Kansas City, March 9.—Burglars entering the home of A. P. Nichols here last night found the house deserted save for Mr. Nichols' 13-year-old son. Placing the boy between them as a hostage the pair waited half an hour for the return of Mr. and Mrs. Nichols. On their arrival they were robbed of money and jewelry valued at \$12,000 before the son was returned to them.

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WILSON WILL ARM SHIPS.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, March 9.—(4 p. m.)—President Wilson has decided to arm American merchant ships under his Constitutional authority and also has called a special session of Congress for April 16.

SECRET SERVICE MEN CAPTURE ALLEGED SPY

Man Said to be a German Naval Officer Arrested in Coast.

WANTED IN THE NOTED CANAL CASE.

Recently Made a Secret Trip to Cuba and Officers Had Been Searching For Him.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 9.—Captain Alfred Fritzen, said to be a German naval officer, was arrested at Hartwood, near here, late last night by a special agent of the Department of Justice and held in the city jail on suspicion of felony. The authorities said he was wanted in connection with the alleged plot to destroy the Welland Canal.

The arrest was made on orders from Washington. "What I know I cannot tell," was the only statement Fritzen would make concerning charges made against him. He said he had been in the United States three years and recently had made a tour of Cuba.

Federal agents here have been on the watch for Fritzen for six months, they said. They learned that he arrived in Los Angeles yesterday. Several months ago he was here, it was alleged, under the name of "Piper," and worked for a time as a farm hand on the ranch of Frank S. Hart, a wealthy music dealer. His distinguished bearing is said to have impressed the Hart family so that when he returned yesterday he was taken into their home as a guest. No papers nor anything of incriminating nature have been found in Fritzen's possession.

Indicted in New York. New York, March 9.—Alfred A. Fritzen, arrested at Hartwood, Cal., last night, was indicted by a Federal jury here on April 17, 1916, in an alleged conspiracy hatched in the United States to blow up the Welland Canal.

Indictments were returned also against Captain Franz von Papen, former German military attaché; Wolf von Igel, his secretary; Captain Hans Tauscher, agent in America of the Krupp; and Constantine Covani, alias Giovanni Gonzales. With the possible exception of Covani, Fritzen is the only one of the alleged conspirators now in this country. Von Papen was sent back to Germany and Hans Tauscher and Wolf von Igel are returning to Germany. The whereabouts of Covani is not known.

DISGUISED GIRL TRIED TO JOIN THE ARMY.

(By Associated Press.) Montgomery, Ala., March 9.—Giving her name as William M. Callaway and claiming to be the son of J. T. Callaway of Deatsville, Ala., a girl, disguised as a boy, tried to enlist at the local recruiting station this morning. When asked to strip for examination the girl burst into tears and said she thought she could get into the army without her sex becoming known. Leaving the recruiting station she said that her only regret was that she had cut off her pretty hair, all in vain.

CHARGE GERMAN AND HINDU WITH PLOTTING REVOLTS IN U. S.



DR SKUNNER & DR CHAKRABARTY (In Circle) WOLF VON IGEL.

Dr. Ernest Skunner, a German subject, and Dr. Chanadra Chakrabarty, a Hindu, arrested in New York charged with having conspired to conduct a military expedition against a friendly foreign nation, are shown above. Below is Wolf von Igel, notorious Welland Canal plotter and former attaché of the German Embassy at Washington, whom the Hindu is alleged to have told the New York police gave him \$60,000 in one lump for use in "German propaganda" in the United States. Von Igel is now on his way to Germany with Count von Bernstorff under a safe conduct procured him by the United States.

FRENCH PRESS THE GERMANS BACK; RUSSIANS LOSE.

EXTRA SESSION TO SOON BE CALLED

Speaker Clark Asks When But Not Told—President May Arm Ships First.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, March 9.—Speaker Clark at the White House today asked for information about the probable date of an extra session of Congress. He was told that he would be notified as promptly as possible.

Fortified with the opinions of Attorney General Gregory and Secretary Lansing, that he has the authority to arm American merchant vessels without action by Congress, the President is understood to be considering taking the step immediately. At the same time it was generally anticipated that a date for the extra session, which now seems certain, would be set in the immediate future.

MOTORS CORPORATION DECLARES DIVIDEND.

(By Associated Press.) New York, March 9.—The General Motors Corporation today declared a quarterly dividend of 3 per cent. on the common stock, placing that issue on a 12 per cent. basis as against the previous annual rate of 4 per cent. The General Motors Company, the operating company of the corporation, declared a regular quarterly dividend of 15 per cent on the common stock.

DUTCH FRONTIER CLOSED.

(By Associated Press.) London, March 9.—The closing of the Dutch-Belgian frontier by the Germans is reported in a Central News despatch from Amsterdam.

Brilliant Offensive of French In Champagne Results In Gain of Much Ground.

BERLIN ADMITS SOME GROUND LOST.

Teutons Hurl Themselves on Russians on Rumanian Front and Take Both Ground and Prisoners—Almost Hundred Aeroplanes Lost by Entente.

Intensive fighting in the Champagne region, resulting favorably to the French, and the failure of a French attack at Hill 304 Northwest of Verdun, are reported in today's official statements.

The Champagne attack, Paris declares, was brilliantly successful. It was aimed to reduce the salient near Maisons de Champagne created by a successful German attack in February. It resulted, says the Paris report, in the destruction of German positions on a front of more than 1,500 yards, and approximately from six hundred to eight hundred yards in depth. Berlin announces the penetration of German trenches in this attack, but asserts the recovery of important dominating positions, conceding, however, that the French retained possession of some of the ground their attack brought them.

A successful assault by the Germans on Russian positions on the Rumanian west front, between the Trots and Uzul Valleys, is announced by German headquarters. Heights and a strongly entrenched position nearby were captured, together with more than 600 prisoners and several machine guns.

Ninety-one airplanes were lost by the entente last month as compared with a German loss of 24 machines, Berlin announces.

The Americans from crews of vessels captured by the German sea raiders in the Atlantic, brought to Germany on the steam Yarrowdale were released and left Germany on Wednesday, going to Switzerland Berlin advices state.

Teutons Take Strong Positions. Berlin, March 9.—(Via Bayville)—An attack made yesterday by Teutonic forces on the northern Rumanian front resulted in the capture of strong Russian positions, the war office announces. More than 600 prisoners were taken. Following is the official report: "Front of Prince Leopold—There (Continued on Page Eight)"

GERMANS HAD WAY TO GET REPORTS IN THE UNITED STATES

PRESIDENT STILL SICK IN BED

His Condition Improved, However—No Cabinet Meeting Today.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, March 9.—President Wilson was still confined to his bed with a cold today and as a result the usual Friday cabinet meeting and all other engagements were cancelled. Although the President's condition was somewhat improved this morning, his physician advised that he remain in bed and see no callers.

COUNT ZEPPELIN, NOTED GERMAN, DEAD

(By Associated Press.) London, March 9.—Count von Zeppelin, who died yesterday, was suffering from dysentery for some time prior to his death and a complication of the malady necessitated an intestinal operation, according to a Berlin dispatch to Reuters by way of Amsterdam. The operation was successful and his recovery was hoped for when mumps developed and later inflammation of the lungs. It was difficult for him to receive nourishment and his power of resistance was considerably weakened. The critical point in his illness was reached a few days ago and he died at noon Thursday.

WILL HEAR FIRST ABOUT HIS SANITY

Pennsylvania Governor De-lays Extradition Hearing In Thaw Case.

(By Associated Press.) Philadelphia, March 9.—Governor Brumbaugh announced today that there will be no hearing on the application for the extradition of Harry K. Thaw to New York until the lunacy proceedings shall have been concluded. Thaw is still in the hospital, where he was taken January 11, after cutting his throat while the police were searching for him on a warrant charging him with beating a Kansas City boy in New York last December. The lunacy proceedings, instituted by Thaw's mother, will begin here next Monday.

MILLION DOLLAR FIRE IN DETROIT TODAY

(By Associated Press.) Detroit, Mich., March 9.—A spectacular fire today destroyed the grain elevator of the Detroit Railroad Company, adjoining buildings and valuable railroad property was also damaged. The loss is estimated at \$1,000,000. The elevator, a sheet iron building forty years old, contained more than 300,000 bushels of grain, mostly wheat. The fire started during the lunch hour after employees had left the building. Less than an hour after the blaze was discovered the building collapsed. No one was injured.

L. & N. GUARDING ITS PROPERTY.

(By Associated Press.) Evansville, Ind., March 9.—Guards have been posted at approaches to the Louisville & Nashville Railroad bridge that crosses the Ohio river between this city and Henderson, Ky. The company announced that the action was taken to guard against possibilities arising from the international crisis.

EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS IN APRIL.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, March 9.—President Wilson today decided to call an extra session of Congress in April and also decided that he had power to arm American merchantmen against German submarines operating in violation of international law. The extra session of Congress was set for April 16. The President is expected to exercise his authority to arm American merchantmen forthwith. The President in a formal statement announced that he is free to exercise at once the power to arm American merchantships.

ARGUMENT STARTS IN STEEL CASE

Supreme Court Hearing Famous Dissolution Suit—Days of Speeches.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, March 9.—Arguments begun today before the Supreme Court in the government's suit to dissolve the United States Steel Corporation will be concluded next Wednesday afternoon. Twelve hours were allotted to be divided between the government and defendant. Seven justices are sitting, Justice McReynolds being disqualified by having taken part in the prosecution while attorney-general.

In opening for the government Assistant Attorney-General Todd reviewed the organization and development of the early and later combinations. He recounted a series of combinations for 1898 to 1900 in various branches of the industry by which 100 independent units were combined into nine corporations. All, he said, were grossly over-capitalized, with enormous stock distribution to promoters. J. P. Morgan & Co. was the syndicate manager for many.

CLAIM VILLA HAS IN DURANGO CITY

Partisans of Mexican Bandit Chief Declare He is on the Way to Torreon.

(By Associated Press.) El Paso, Texas, March 8.—Partisans here of Francisco Villa assert that he has captured Durango City, capital of the state of Durango, and has started a march on Torreon. They say he has recruited his force to 3,000 men, many of General Gabriel Gaviira's defacto forces at Durango City having joined him. This information, the Villa junta says, was obtained in a letter from Torreon.

LESS COLD STORAGE EGGS IN COUNTRY.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, March 9.—Cold storage holdings of eggs in the United States on March 1 shows a decrease of 97.2 per cent compared with February holdings. The department of agriculture's monthly report today shows 193,716 dozen in storage. Compared with a year ago holdings show a decrease of about 86.3 per cent. American cheese in cold storage on March 1, was 12,069,786 pounds, a decrease of 35.6 percent since February and about 29.3 percent less than a year ago.

Discovery of Secret Means Made Aboard The German Prize Vessel, Appam.

COULD RECEIVE ALL MESSAGES.

Wireless Had Been Skillfully Riggered Up So That Lieutenant Berg Could Get The Messages.

(By Associated Press.) Norfolk, Va., March 9.—It was learned today on reliable authority that when Marshal Samplers boarded the Appam with his men at Newport News and took possession of that vessel in the name of the United States Government, following the break with Germany, he found installed on the Appam an elaborate secret wireless apparatus by means of which all wireless messages sent in this section of the United States could be received.

On a careful examination of the Appam, it is stated, a fine wire was found strung beneath the pipe leading to the whistle on the smokestack of the Appam and extending above it to do the regular antenna of the usual wireless. The wire led down to the interior of the vessel where dynamos were kept running to engender the current for lighting the ship. Boilers were constantly fired on the Appam at all times in order to furnish steam for heating the vessel and other purposes. Power was thus secured for the dynamo engines.

Investigation, it is stated led to the discovery that the dynamo finally ran to the private room occupied by Lieutenant Hans Berg; the messages received were read by Lieutenant Berg by flash electric light bulbs. This is similar to the method followed by the battleships at sea when they flash signals to each other at night using the Morse code, the flashes in Lieutenant Berg's light being similar to the dots and dashes of the Morse system.

Investigation this afternoon developed the fact that the dynamo in the boiler room had been used to take the place of that in the wireless room, which was put out of commission when the United States court took charge. Messages could be sent and received also. It is understood the court will take action.

GOVERNOR PARDONS MRS. HAND.

(Special to The Dispatch.)

Raleigh, N. C., March 9.—Mrs. Gussie Hand, serving two years in State penitentiary for killing her husband gets full pardon from Governor Bickett today after eighteen months' incarceration. Governor Bickett is moved to mercy by reason of the violent reputation of Mrs. Hand's husband, and because on day of shooting she was within eighteen days of being a mother. It was in evidence that her husband had repeatedly threatened her with death.