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LUNATIC BY THE

Adjudged Insane in Philadel-

phia and Must Go to An

Asylum

ON CASE YESTERDAY

Under Pennsylvania Laws

Young Degenerate Can't

Be Carried Back to

New York.

(By Associated Press.) Philadelphia, March 13.—Harry K.

Thaw was today adjudged a lunatic by

the Common Pleas Court of this city

and under the law cannot be taken to

New York on requisition to stand trial

on charges of assaulting a Kansas City

high school boy. Thaw will be kept in

St. Mary's hospital here pending his

mmission which yesterday took the

James Gay Gordon, counsel for Mrs.

testimony of Thaw and his mother.

safe from harm to himself and others

"Anything with respect to him

hereafter can only be done with the

Home of Professor In Vir-

ginia Today.

(By Associated Press.)

Heth, of Washington and Radford,

apparently was answered about noon

(By Associated Press)

Washington, March 13.-President

Wilson remained indoors today be-

cause of the cold of which he has suf-

fered for the past week, but it was

GERMAN SUBMARINE

from The Hague.

(By The Associated Press.)

sanction of the court."

removal to a Pennsylvania Asylum.

COMMISSION PASSED

GERM INY INFORMED

A BOUT AFFAIRS

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WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, TUESDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 13, 1917.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

HANGS BY THREAD;

Heads of Brotherhood Conferred Today But Give Out Nothing.

REPORT THAT STRIKE MAY START SATURDAY.

Atlantic Coast Line and Seaboard Would be Included in First to Feel Effect of Strike. President Notified Men Will Be Loyal to Government.

Associated Press) ork, March 13.-information eceived by the National Conference ommittee, composed of managers of CASE OF STORSTSAD e great railway systems an' made he by that body today, indicates the four employees' brotherhoods ave completed arrangements for a ognessive series of strikes to begin! 6 o'clock eastern time on Salas ly night if the conference on the ight-hour question held here Thursday fails to reach a satisfactory agree-

The proposed strike program, ac-

the freight trainmen on the Lehigh reported as follows:

Tuesday, March 20, 6 p. m., call out il the freight trainmen in the Northrestorn group, including the Hill

Ala iii 200 men were expected to its officers. Total deaths, 3. This report ålso Ambassador, Consul Generstiend the meeting here today.

Have No Order to Strike.

planning a general strike. osed I am sure that we would have break up the relief work. reard of it." said Z. J. Blake, chairman the Brotherhood of Locomotive En- "HI" JOHNSON QUITS sincers and Firemen of the Boston and firemen of the Boston and Maine sys-

Told President of Conference. Washington, March 13.—The rail-President Wilson, it became known March 15. oday, formally notifying him of the conference with the railroad repreentatives scheduled for March 15. In this letter the brotherhood leaders declared they were "hopeful" of making a satisfactory adjustment of questions satisfactory adjustment of questions ending with the railroads.

The brotherhood representatives al-6 Informed President Wilson that if thile they were negotiating with the railroads the Nation becomes involved war, they would co-operate to the lest extent with the government. Neither President Wilson nor Secctary Wilson of the department of abor had official information today regarding the intention of the brotherhoods to strike unless a satisfactory frangement was reached at Thurslay's conference. An investigation was un through Governmental agencies,

it was stated that there was little he meeting in New York Thursday is

At the direction of President Wil-Son, Secretary Wilson will keep in terfere with the Askild after coming close touch with the conference in New York and should it fail the Gov- tionality.

(Continued On Page Three)

Washington Believes Ger- de da caucus of House Democrats & for April 12 to consider organiza many Trying Break Up Belgian Relief.

NOW APT TO END

Official Report Shows That Vessel Was Sunk Without Warning Although Identity Known.

Washington, March 13.-Probably ording to this information, is as fol-early withdrawal of all American participation in Belgian relief, including Saturday, 6 p. m., call out all train-the withdrawal of Brand Whitlock. men in freight service on the New American minister from Brussels, as a ork Central, Baltimore & Ohio, Erie, result of the pressure of the German Adantic Coast Line, Southern Rail-|submarine campaign, was forecast toway. Louisville & Nashville and Sea-day at the State Department. The ofboard Air Line. Such an order would ficial report on the submarining of the relief ship Storstad intensified the sit-Monday, March 19, 6 p. m., call out vation. Consul Frost, at Queenstown,

"Norwegian steamship Storstad, Valley, Lackawanna, Jersey Central, "Norwegian steamship Storstad, Pennsylvania, Long Island, Maine Beunos Aires, bound for Rotterdam, 9,-Central, Delaware & Hudson, Read- 000 tons maize, Belgian relief, under ing and all other roads in the South- English charter, sunk by German subvestern territory or extending to New marine, seventy miles west of Skel- a stretch of woods when suddenly secret barrier. These are interpreted of transporting mail from a foreign tain on that proceeding. Mrs. Thaw ligs, 11:30 a. m., March 8. Submarine first shelled ship from 3 miles, 15 minutes during which Storstad stopped and hoisted abundant unmistakable reads and all those centering at Chi- 15 minutes interval, submarine torpesigns of Belgian relief errand. After doed Storstad without warning from Wednesday, March 21, 6 p. m., if the 400 yards, Belgian relief signals be-Wednesday, March 21, 6 p. m., if the 400 yards, Belgian relief signals belief blow on the head with regaining of all the distributed and all the mail taken off for examination of the strike to grant the ling prominently visible. Ship carried the strike to grant the ling prominently visible. Ship carried the strike to grant the ling prominently visible. Ship carried the strike to grant the ling prominently visible. Ship carried the strike to grant the ling prominently visible and all the mail taken off for examination of the strike to grant the ling prominently visible. Ship carried the strike to grant the ling prominently visible and all the mail taken off for examination of the strike to grant the ling prominently visible. Ship carried the strike to grant the ling prominently visible and all the mail taken off for examination of the strike to grant the ling prominently visible. Ship carried the strike to grant the ling prominently visible and all the mail taken off for examination of the strike to grant the ling prominently visible and the strike to grant the ling prominently visible and the strike to grant the ling prominently visible and the strike to grant the ling prominently visible and the strike to grant the ling prominently visible and the strike to grant the ling prominently visible and the strike to grant the line grant the men's terms, extend the strike to all neither gun nor wireless. No shelling an axe when the negro fired one shot mans had taken on the commanding tion. The tanker resumed her voyage ober freight trainmen and call out during abandonment. Submarine in into Howell's hand. he passenger trainmen on every terviewed Captain's boat for all par-Local railroad labor leaders from then fired additional shell and torthe Southeast met here-today to dis- pedoed sinking vessel. No attempt es- sailant. has the renewed demand for an eight-cape or resistance. Weather heavy, four day to be presented to the rail- sea strong, east wind, dull showery bery was attempted is considered a Berlin's account of yesterday's fight- ers to risk the voyage since February ands Thursday by chiefs of the four skies, three boats became separated, very dangerous place, for during the ing concedes the loss of ground on 1, sailed without passengers, cargoes hinthrhoods and the advisability of Captain's boat rescued by patrol near last few weeks not less than three the southwest slope of Hill 185. The and mails. strike if the demand is refused. Offi-severe battle with sea fourth engineer that same spot and many people are inclined to believe that it is inhabited by professional crooks who know that by professional crooks who know that the farmers when returning from the losses. calling an immediate general railway Skelligs, 9:30 p. m., March 9. After people have been assaulted at or near Germans report also announces an for al meetings of railroad labor men taken. Other two boats landed at city have money on their person. to be held in other cities today and Capirciven, evening 10th. Have telegraphed consul Liverpool take affidav-

Arrangements have been made for Boston, March 13.-Local chairmen some time for the replacement of Amthe railroad brotherhoods said that ericans by a joint Dutch-Spanish Comthey had received no strike orders up mission, but as there are practically no to an early hour today and that they Spanish in Belgium, it is possible that

had not been notified that the National the Swiss will share in the work. of the brotherhoods were Germany's unwillingness to guarantee safety of relief ships lead officials "If any action of this kind were pro- here to belief that she is trying to

GOVERNOR'S JOB

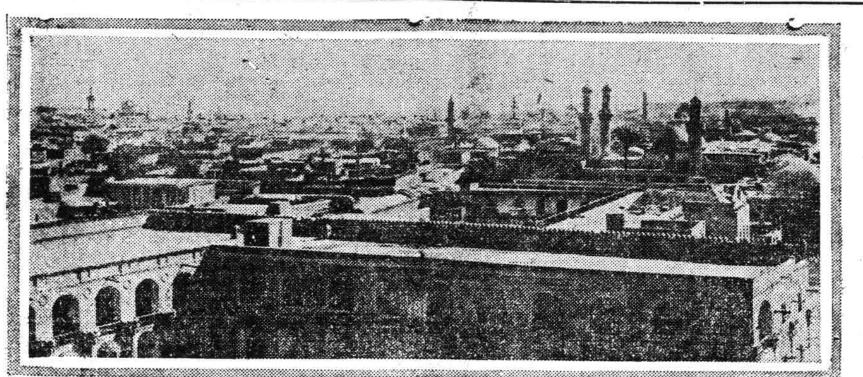
(By Associated Press) ernor Hiram W. Johnson, Senator Senator Simmons retains all his old elect, announced his resignation from committee assignments, which are as the Governorship here today, effective desirable as those of any member of day's official announcement says the anthracite. "This information," says

Strange Looking Ship, Supposed Be English, Seen Cruising Around.

tified ship, assumed to be an entente tion of game, industrial expositions, we we will be the state of the st vessel hunting for possible German! raiders, was sighted off the Azore States. Islands on February 24 by the offia definite character that the govthe ment could do until the outcome of kild, which arrived here today from VON BERNSTORFF HAS Gibraltar. The officers said the stranger, carrying four masts and two funnels and painted gray, did not inclose enough to determine her na-

last week reported the presence of von Brockdorff-Rantzau ,the German + mine rescue car and an automo- became a secondary theatre of opera- marine is reported stranded in the cision from the Supreme Court Government officials regarded it as what was believed to be an armed minister to Denmark, and the German & bile truck to the scene. Conceivable that there should be a German merchant ship north of the consul-general, greeted the former

BAGDAD, CAPTURED BY BRITISH



VIEW OF BAGDAD

PHOTO LY INTERNATIONAL.

Dispatches from London report officially the capture of Bagdad by the British. General Maude drove the Turks from Kut-el-Amara in disorderly retreat. He recently predicted that by the time the fleeing Turkish army arrived at Bagdad it would be an un disciplined mob. This picture shows a general view of Bagdad,

(By Associated Press.) Washington, March 13 .- Demo- & 🕏 cratic Leader Kitchin today call-& for April 12, to consider organiza- * tion of the House.

IS BEING CITED WAYNE

John W. Howell Shot Through the Hand By an Unknown Negro Yesterday.

(Special to The Dispatch.) Goldsboro, March 13 .- A bold robbery was attempted about four miles! north of this city yesterday afternoon when John W. Howell, a prominent farmer, of near Pikeville, was shot through the hand by an unknown

Mr. Howell stated to The Dispatch' sprang upon him from the side of Calais, the road. One negro held a revolver in his hand and commanded him to

At this juncture the negro came

The section where the above rob- their positions.

Both Simmons and Overman Get Important Chairmanships Is New Congress.

(By George H. Manning.) Washington, D. C., March 13.-In their superiority. the committee assignments made yesterday by the Senate Steering Com-Sacramento, Cal., March 13.-Gov- mittee and ratified by the Senate, the Senate.

Senator Overman also retains all his old committee places and is given membership on the committees on expenditures in the Commerce Department and the committee on university of the United States.

Senator Simmons' committee places for the next two years will be finance chairman, commerce, engrossed bills, interoceanic canals and transportation and sale of meat products.

The committee places for Senator Overman for the next two years will be rules chairman, appropriations, expenditures in Department of Com-New York, March 13.—An uniden-

(By Associated Press) Copenhagen, March 12 (Via London) * were later taken out alive and ef- * The event must be regretted, but it -Count von Bernstorff and his party & forts are being made to reach the has not the least influence on the arrived at Copenhagen at 10:30 o'clock . others. The Pittsburg station of & decision of the war. ernment will then consider further A tank vessel which reached here this morning from Christiana. Count the Bureau of Mines has sent a . The newspaper says Mesopotamia London, March 13.—A German sub- the status quo pending a de-'Ambassador to Washington.

Closing of Dutch Frontier May Signify New Tactics on Part of Teutons.

THE WESTERN FRONT BRISTLES WITH ACTION.

Operations on Large Scale But When Blow Will Come Uncertain.

The Franco-Belgian front is bristling with military activity. All re-on-an American ship, the Standard Oil blow will come and where it will fall, however, are matters of speculation. Much attention centers on the north-

ern part of the front. The Germans recently closed the Belgian-Dutch . This is said to be the first time that and without warning two negroes through the Yser lines in a drive for

important offensive in either side is to be pressed here's mains to be de-Hill 185, in the region of Maisons de without it. Mr. Howell returned to the city im- Champagne. Today's French war of- Since the German submarine block-

premacy was being waged on the Franco-Belgian front, with the British verial forces the especial object of the German attack. Light on this struggle was thrown by a statement made Coal Producers Can't Mulct the abdomen in the home of C. E. for the British government today in the House of Commons in which it was conceded that the struggle for supremacy was notably intense at the opening of this active season, after a winter's strengthening of the aerial; arm by both belligerents.

measure to gain the upper hand defi-ducers that any failure to grant the nitely, it was indicated, and there usual Spring price reductions cannot rests have been made, according to cially, however, that no conflict of wa severy reason to hope, it was de- be justified by claims of increased cost clared, that they would again assert of production.

British Attack Failed. The British made an attack yesterday companies which mined in 1916 about ter had left for Christiansburg, county over a wide front south of Arras. To- 75 per cent of the total production of seat near Blacksburg, for the purpose, attack failed and that heavy losses the commission, "obtained directly it was stated, of surrendering himself were inflicted on the British.

Germans Repulsed. were made by the Germans last night decrease of cost in the case of some of change for recording to the cost of cost of cost of change for recording to the cost of change for recording to the cost of co and all were repulsed, the war office the companies whose cost of production chance for recovery. announced today.

A strong German detachment which "Judging from the tonnage produced PRESIDENT INDOORS 185 and on Louvemont work, on the September to December, 1916." Verdun front, were countered easily. (Continued on Page Three.)

OVER SCORE ENTOMBED.

(By Associated Press.) here early today. Seven men & from the Sinai Peninsula.

(By Associated Press.) London, March 13.-British cav- 4 alry from Bagdad has occupied & 🎖 Kazimain on the Tigris river, five 🛠 & miles above Bagdad, it was offi- & & cially announced today. This oc- & cupation took place on March 11. &

Preparations Being Made For English Officials Stripped proceedings were begun, made this Tanker of Mail Sent to The United States.

> (By Associated Press.) New York, March 13.-Mail carried Court of Common Pleas.

ports indicate preparations for opera- tanker, John D. Archbold, was removed propriate order touching his person ing Germany being considered by Contions on a large-scale. When the by the British authorities at Halifx, according to the officers of the vessl, which arrived here today from Bergen, of Pennsylvania, represented by its

correspondent that he was on his way frontier and there are reports of im- a ship flying the American flag on the home from this city at about 3 o'clock portant troop movements behind the Atlantic has been denied the privilege a stretch of woods when suddenly as pressing another attempt to break country, either neutral or belligerent. The John D. Archbold took out of that the matter may be dropped for Bergen 39 sacks of mail from Norway, public exploitation. Thaw is now Denmark and Sweden. The vessel followed the custom of other neutral and the court will hold control and ships by putting in at Halifax, instead

is today endeavoring to locate the assailant.

The section where the above relative their results of a violent German counter on Scandinavian or Dutch ships. The attack here, the French retaining all Bergensfjord and Kristianiafjord. the ticulars, refusing request for towage, mediately and notified the sheriff, who fice bulletin announced the complete ade began no mails have reached here! only two Scandinavian passenger lin-

Consumers by Old Cry of Increased Cost Production

(By Associated Press.) Washington, March 13.—The Federal Trade Commission today notified the The British were taking every country's leading anthracite coal pro- not been announced, although his con- thing that might be of the slightest

In its inquiry into the cost of min- the affair are obtainable as yet. ing anthracite, the report which soon will be issued, the commision has ob-Berlin, March 13 (Via Wireless) .- tained information on the costs of from the records of the companies referred to, indicates no increase in av- to what led to the trouble is yet availerage cost in the last four months of Paris, March 13.—Several attacks 1916, and further indicates an actual Heth's condition, following an opera-

tion is high. attempted to advance on the Coury in January, 1917, there is no reason examine the civil service expendi- Road was checked. Another futile at- to believe that costs thus far in 1917 tures in Department of Agriculture, tempt was made near Beaulne-et-would materially change the average Chivy. Two German attacks on Hill shown by the figures compiled from

ADMITS LOSS OF BAGDAD IS SERIOUS.

Cannonsburg, Pa., March 13.— & tral News Amsterdam correspondent the President was steadily improving. the railroad managers, their stand will be, it was learned today, Twenty-four men were entombed as describing the occupation of Bag- Dr. Grayson said Mr. Wilson would will be, it was learned today, by two explosions of the mine of & dad as an undeniable success for the be able to sit up this afternoon. REACHED COPENHAGEN + the Henderson Coal Company at + British, especially as the British also 孝 Hendersonville, five miles from ❖ have succeeded in driving the Turks

tions. The loss of Bagdad, it com- neighborhood of Hellevoetsluis, on the on the Adamson law. ments, is nevertheless painful to the Dutch coast, says a Reuter dispatch

Government Has Positive Evidence That He Sent Messages to His Government From Appam.

KEPT WIRELESS AT WORK CONSTANTLY.

German Officer Aboard Interned Prize Ship at Norfolk Sent Messages to Sea-Probably Familiar With The English Code.

(By Associated Press.)
Norfolk, Va., March 13.—Evidence that Captain Hans Berg, German commander of the prize ship Appam, violated the neutrality of the United States constantly while the ship was at Newport News, has been placed in the hands of Department of Justice agents, according to information from a source generally authentic.

When the Appam was awarded to her English owners by the States Supreme Court recently Berg and his German crew were sent to Philadelphia. It was then found that they rehabilitated the wireless outfit. which was put out of commission by the United States government and were using it to send and receive messages. A private wire had been run to Berg's stateroom, where he read The court's action was based on the the happenings of the world by flash report presented today by a lunacy lights.

An investigation has been in progress on the Appam for several days and it has been positively established that as late as December 8th 1st Cap ta n Berg sent a wireless message to a German ship. It is believed that Berg "The inquisition which met yester- was in constant touch with his own day and heard the case of Harry K. government and furnished it informa-Thaw, adjudged him to be a lunatic tion of value. There is evidence that and the finding was today filed in the he was familiar with the English code.

The messages sent by Berg Decem-"Judge Martin made the usual ap- ber 8th gave details of affairs affectand estate. Thaw is now in the cus- gress and President Wilson, it was tody of the sovereignty of the State said.

Court of Chancery and under the control and protection of the court and laws of the commonwealth. This necessarily settled the question of his extradition and rings down the curtrol and protection of the court and extradition and rings down the cur-TOLD HOW TO ACT and her family all desire if possible

Government Sends Instructions to Those Who Will Be On Duty.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, March 13.-Complete and definite instructions to the "armed guards" to be placed aboard American merchant craft bound through the German submarine zones have been completed by the Navy Department and approved by Secretary Lansing. They will be forwarded to the Navy personnel aboard the merchant craft

whenever the ships are ready to sail. Young Collegian Shot at The nature of the instructions will not be made public. They were carefully prepared by Navy officials and then submitted to Secretary Lansing, at whose suggestion some amendment was made. Roanoke, Va., March 13.-Stockton

It is planned not to broadcast the Heth, Jr., son of Captain Stockton orders generally through the naval service but to furnish the officer in Va., was shot three times through command of the armed guard on each Vawter, professor of mathematics at ship with a copy when his vessel is Virginia Polytechnic Institute, where ready to sail. The Navy Department young Heth is said to have been a is making every effort to suppress all frequent guest, at 3 o'clock this information regarding armed ships, morning. The injured man was such as sailing dates, the equipment brought to a Roanoke Hospital and put aboard by the Navy, the personnel the exact nature of his wounds has supplied to handle the guns or anydition is said to be serious. No ar- value to an enemy. It was said offiadvices from Blacksburg, and no defi- jurisdiction between the shipmaster nite statement as to circumstances of and the gun crews would arise.

Speculation as to who had shot Heth ONE AMERICAN ON BOARD BUT ESCAPED.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, March 13 .- The sinking of the Cunard non-passenger liner to the authorities. No statement as Folio with one American on board was reported to the State Department loday in a preliminary dispatch from Consul Frost at Queenstown as fol-

"Cunard non-passenger Folio sunk off Waterford, 10th. Survivors landed Dungarron. Sole American, Boat's Surgeon W. J. Core, Nashville, Tenn., BUT MUCH BETTER. saved, uninjured."

(Associated Press.)

said at the White House that his condition was steadily improving. The the railroads be threatened by the (By Associated Press)

London, March 13.—The Koelnische

Volks Zeitung is quoted by the Censician, said shortly before noon that

Ameterdam correspondent

Oution was steadily improving.

It is the railroads of trainmen in the President's physician, said shortly before noon that the President was steadily improving.

It is a steadily improving. on the question of the eight-A hour working day now. This position will be based on the con-MAY BE STRANDED + tention that the railroads agreed + * to enter a stipulation with the Govrnment to do nothing to alter *