

WEATHER FORECAST.
North Carolina: Cloudy tonight and Tuesday; probably rain. Warm-er tonight in the interior.
South Carolina: Cloudy tonight and Tuesday; probably rain. Warmer tonight.

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FIRST ARMED U.S. SHIP TO GET ACROSS

Berlin Claims Large Number of Ships Sunk

TEUTONS NOW TURN ON THE ATTACKERS

Nature of Fighting Taken as Showing Germans Have Lost Their Key
DRIVE MADE ON THE RUSSIAN LINE
Blow Delivered Below Dvinsk and May Indicate Offensive For Petrograd—Turks Continue to Flee

The Germans are desperately resisting the slashing French attack upon the defenses of St. Quentin. Heavy counter attacks are reported, but Paris declares the French have held the ground won.

Apparently this means that the Germans have lost the strong key position at Esigny, four and a half miles south of St. Quentin, which is essential to the protection of St. Quentin on the south. Military critics have pointed to the probability of the German wing in this sector being forced back to the Oise if this position, which the French captured yesterday, was not regained.

In view of Petrograd reports that the Germans are concentrating for a drive towards Petrograd, interest attaches to the announcement by the Russian war office today of a German attack on the Russian line below Dvinsk.

The Russians continue their success against the Turks in the campaign waged jointly by Russian and British forces to the north and north-east of Baghdad.

Apparently the intention is to drive behind the Turks, as they retreat before the British up the Tigris in the direction of Mosul. The Russian advance, advancing from Persia, are in the Vilayet of Mosul, Petrograd advises. The Russian forces probably still have a considerable distance to go before they strike the Turkish and the Turkish line of communications.

The sinking of 80,000 additional tons of shipping during the past few days by submarines is announced by the German admiralty. The vessels include 25 steamers, 14 sailing vessels and 47 trawlers. Among the steamers is the British hospital ship, Asturias, of 12,000 tons, and two American steamers, the Illinois and the City of Memphis, previously announced as sunk.

RUSSIANS CROSS BORDER.
(By Associated Press.)
London, March 26.—Russia's advance in Persia, pushing the Turks, have crossed the border into the Turkish Vilayet of Mosul, according to an official announcement, as forwarded in a Reuters dispatch from Petrograd.

CANT SIGN TREATY WITH TEUTON SAYS UNITED STATES

Country Has Too Frequently Violated Her Solemn Obligations

REPLY SUBMITTED BY STATE DEPARTMENT

Handed By Secretary Lansing to the Swiss Minister—Germany Has Likely Abrogated All Treaties

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, March 26.—Germany's "clear violations" of the treaties of 1799 and 1828 and her "disregard of the canons of international courtesy," were assigned by the United States as reasons for refusal to re-affirm or extend these agreements.

The note of refusal to Germany, transmitted through Dr. Paul Ritter, the Swiss minister, was made public today by the State Department and discloses that this government "is seriously considering" whether Germany's conduct has not in effect abrogated these treaties.

The note says: "In view of the clear violations by the German authorities of the plain terms of the treaties in question, solemnly concluded on the mutual understanding that the obligations thereunder would be faithfully kept; in view, further, of the disregard of the canons of international courtesy and the comity of nations in the treatment of innocent American citizens in Germany, the government of the United States cannot perceive any advantage which would flow from further engagements, even though they were merely declaratory of international law, entered into with the imperial German government in regard to the meaning of any of the articles of these treaties, or as supplementary to them. In these circumstances, therefore, the government of the United States declines to enter into the special protocol proposed by the imperial government.

"This government is seriously considering," continues the note, "whether or not the treaty of 1828 and the revised articles of the treaties of 1799 and 1799 have not been in effect abrogated by the German government's flagrant violations of their provisions, in that it would be manifestly unjust and inequitable to require one party to an agreement to observe its stipulations and to permit the other party to disregard them. It would appear that the mutuality of the undertaking has been destroyed by the conduct of the German authorities."

The note, signed by Secretary Lansing, reads as follows: "I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your note of February 10, presenting the proposals of the German government for an interpretive and supplementary agreement as to article 23 of the treaty of 1799. After due consideration I have to inform you that the government of the United States is not disposed to look with favor upon the proposed agreement to alter or supplement the meaning of article 23 of this treaty. This position of the government of the United States which might, under other conditions, be different, is due to the repeated violations by Germany of the treaty of 1828 and the articles of treaties of 1799 and 1799, revived by the treaty of 1828. It is not necessary to narrate in detail these violations, for the attention of the German government has been called to the circumstances of each instance of violation, but I may here refer to certain of them briefly and in general terms.

"Since the sinking of the American ship, William P. Frye, for the carriage of contraband there have been perpetrated by the German naval forces similar unwarranted attacks upon and destruction of numerous American vessels, for the reason, it is alleged, that they were engaged in transportation of articles of contraband, notwithstanding and in disregard of article 13 of the treaty of 1799 that no such articles (of contraband) carried in the vessels or by the subjects or citizens of either party to the enemies of the other shall be deemed contraband so as to induce confiscation or condemnation, and a loss of property to individuals, and that 'in the case of a vessel stopped for articles of contraband, if the master of the vessel stopped be delivered out the goods supposed to be of contraband nature, he shall be admitted to do it, and the vessel shall not in that case be carried into any port or further detained, but shall be allowed to proceed on her voyage.'"

APPAM ORDERED TURNED OVER.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, March 26.—Immediate transfer of the liner, Appam, at Norfolk, to her British owners, was ordered today by the Supreme Court.

TRIAL OF COAL MEN SET TODAY

Judge Hand Gives the Accused Warning to Stop Their Interference

(By Associated Press.)
New York, March 26.—The trial of 108 coal corporations and 66 individuals located in West Virginia and the western part of Virginia, indicted for alleged violations of the Sherman law by arbitrarily increasing the price of coal, was today set for May 7, after the defendants had failed to change their tentative pleas of not guilty. Federal Judge Hand also announced that the contempt proceedings against John A. Renahan, vice president of the Smokeless Fuel Company, would be dropped, as the company's papers had been surrendered.

Judge Hand warned that "these coal men must stop interfering with the papers needed by the grand jury; if they do not, and there is another complaint, I shall send the offender to jail."

The jury's inquiry into the coal situation is far from complete, it was learned today, and another indictment is expected, naming as defendants men said to be members of a combination different from the one alleged in the recent indictments.

ADMINISTERING POISON TO THE RUSSIAN PRINCE

RUSHED TO HELP WIFE AND KILLED

Prominent Philadelphia Man Fatally Wounded By Negro Burglar

(By Associated Press.)
Philadelphia, March 26.—Harold Ellis Yarnall, secretary and treasurer of the Midland Valley railroad and prominent socially, died early today from a bullet wound sustained while defending his wife from the attack of a negro burglar, at their home here last night.

Mr. Yarnall was rushed to a hospital and an operation was performed about midnight. He died three hours later. Mr. and Mrs. Yarnall had just returned from a day spent at their country home, at Media, when she encountered the burglar in her home. She grappled with him and screamed for help. Mr. Yarnall, who was in his bath, rushed to his wife's assistance and hurled the negro into the hallway. The latter then drew a revolver and fired, the bullet entering Mr. Yarnall's groin and penetrating the liver. Mr. Yarnall continued to struggle with the negro and succeeded in forcing him backward down the stairway. After firing another shot, the burglar made his escape through an open window. He took only a handbag, containing about \$100 in cash.

Mr. Yarnall was 51 years old.

FIRST AMERICAN ARMED SHIP MADE PORT IN SAFETY

St. Louis Has Reached The Other Side, It Is Announced Today

LEFT NEW YORK ON MARCH 17TH

Owners Report Safe Arrival to Government and Secretary Daniels Makes Known the News.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, March 26.—The American liner, St. Louis, the first armed American ship to cross the Atlantic, has arrived safely at her destination, Secretary Daniels announced today. Information as to the arrival of the steamer came to the Navy Department from the offices of the American Line in New York. The company wishes to make known the fact to relieve the anxiety of those having relatives or friends on the vessel. Secretary Daniels approved such action.

No details of the trip were given in the company's report.

Many Americans Aboard.
New York, March 26.—The St. Louis, owned by the American Line, left an American port on March 17 with 31 passengers, of whom 14 were American citizens. Among her crew of 394 persons were 131 Americans.

Plot By Rasputin to Gain Influence Over Czarina

THE POISON GIVEN IN HIS ABSENCE

The Crown Prince Made Ill at Such Time to Show Importance of the Continual Presence of the Conspirator — A Lady In-Waiting His Accomplish.

(By Associated Press.)
Petrograd, March 26.—(Via London, March 26).—The superstitious belief that the health and even the life of Grand Duke Alexis, the young heir apparent, depended on the presence of Gregory Rasputin, the mystic monk—a notion which is generally known to have accounted for Rasputin's tremendous influence over the imperial family—is explained in the following extraordinary manner by the Russian Slovo.

Rasputin, according to the newspaper, stated in confidence to friends at convivial moments that he was able to fortify this superstition with the help of Madame Virubova, lady-in-waiting to the Empress, and M. Badmaef, court physician, until the Empress was absolutely convinced that the life of her son depended on the monk. Whenever Rasputin was absent for any length of time from the court, Madame Virubova, according to the monk's story, as given by the newspaper, obtained poisonous powders from the physician and contrived to place them in food brought to Alexis. The result was that during Rasputin's absence the delicate health of the young heir apparent grew steadily worse until Rasputin was summoned back to the court, when the powders were stopped, and Alexis became immediately better.

Rasputin always announced that 40 days after his death Alexis would fall ill. This prophecy came true with startling accuracy, being caused, the newspaper declares, by Madame Virubova administering another powder to the little grand duke in the hope of continuing the tradition of Rasputin's influence over the imperial family and preparing the way for a successor to him.

OVER TWENTY-FIVE MORE SHIPS SUNK IN THE LAST FEW DAYS

NATIONAL GUARD IN MANY STATES BEING MOBILIZED

To Protect Government Property and Public Utilities From Possible Ruin.

TROOPS TAKEN INTO FEDERAL SERVICE

Newspapers Requested By War Department Not to Publish News As to Locality of Troops

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, March 26.—Twenty additional complete infantry regiments and five additional separate battalions of National Guard troops have been ordered into the Federal service for the protection of property in the event of possible internal disorder. The troops have been called out in 18 Western and Middle Western States not included in the list of similar orders made public yesterday.

A general statement of the regiments called out each day will be made public, however. The number of National Guard troops called into the Federal service for police duty has been increased. Regiments and smaller units from States not included in previous orders have been directed to be mobilized in instructions last night.

The movement is in accordance with the decision to establish a military police system against possible internal disorders regarded as a National and not a State obligation. The War Department will not disclose the specific industries or other points to be guarded, and newspapers will be asked not to publish information they may have on this point.

The following French ships were sunk: Sully, bark, 2,649 tons. Homar, Eugene A. J. Albert, Anais, (130 tons); Madeline, Davoust, schooners. Adieu, (64 tons); Marie Louise from Fecamp and Marie Louise, St. Paul, an American sailing ship. Martha Yvonne and Cordouan, pilot schooners. Petitjean, Henry Louis Dieu de Garde, Nozal, Rupella, Louis XIV, Pentileu, Acide, Maria Juliette, Camille, L. R. 1289, L. R. 1329, Madeline, Felicie, Madonna and Entente Cordiale, trawlers.

The following Italian vessels were sunk: Medusa, steamer of about 1,000 tons. The following Norwegian vessels (Continued on Page Eight)

Sailing Vessels and Trawlers the Victims, Comes Report From Berlin
AGGREGATE TONNAGE EIGHTY THOUSAND

Teuton Submarine Engaged British Biplane in Battle and Annihilated It In the English Channel — Name of Ill-fated Vessels Given.

TORPEDOED SHIPS HAD AMERICANS ABOARD.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, March 26.—Torpedoing of the Norwegian steamer, Wilfred, with two Americans aboard, and the British steamer, Chorley, with three Americans, was reported today to the State Department.
The Wilfred was warned by the German submarine that sank her. She carried no contraband nor armament.

Berlin, March 26.—(Via Saville, March 26).—The sinking of 25 more steamships, 14 sailing vessels and 37 trawlers, with an aggregate gross tonnage of 80,000, in the last few days, is announced by the admiralty.
On March 9th a German submarine annihilated by cannon fire a British biplane in the English channel.

The ships which were sunk were: Brika, (British), 3,549 tons gross, armed.
Denpark, (British), 1,965 tons, armed.
Granton, British watch-ship, with the herring trawler, G. N. 34 in tow.
Glynemil, (British), 1,394 tons.
Memnon, (British), 3,203 tons.
Asturias, (British hospital ship), 12,002 tons.
Sir Joseph, (British sailing vessel), 84 tons.
Robert, Rivend, Jessamine, Gratia, Lent Lilly, Hyacinth, Case, Internose Melly, Ena, Kestrel, Reindeer, Forget-Me-Not, Try, Arance, (British trawlers).

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SECOND REGIMENT ARRIVES NOON TOMORROW.

The Second North Carolina Infantry, in command of Col. John VanB. Metts, of this city, en route from the border to Goldsboro, to be mustered out of the Federal service, will arrive in the city tomorrow about noon, according to information received from the general offices of the Atlantic Coast Line this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The two sections with the troops are expected in Florence, S. C., tomorrow morning about 8 o'clock, and this will put the troops here about noon. The soldiers will stop here for a short while for exercise, and will give a brief parade along the principal streets. Governor Thomas W. Bickett will review them.
