

# WAS HESPERIAN AN ARMED SHIP?

## Germany May Justify Attack Because of Guns on Vessel.

### LANSING TO SETTLE QUESTION.

Washington, Sept. 9.—Whether or not subsequent advices from United States Ambassador Page at London confirm the reports that an American seaman named Wolf of Newark, N. J., was lost in the sinking of the liner Hesperian, will not effect the nature of the representations which the United States will make to Germany, if it is established that the liner was sunk without warning by a German submarine.

This statement was made by one of the highest officials of the state department who declared that the mere fact, already established, that Americans were on board the vessel, was sufficient to justify the United States in taking action.

Was Ship Mined or Torpedoed? It was frankly admitted at the state department, however, that nothing of a definite and conclusive character had been submitted by Ambassador Page or United States Consul Frost at Queenstown, to show whether the Hesperian was struck by a mine or torpedoed.

It was even suggested that the uncertainty existing would not place the Hesperian case in the category of the attacks on the Lusitania and the Arabic if Germany contended that the first named ship was not attacked by a submarine.

In an effort to get at the exact facts Secretary Lansing cabled Ambassador Gerard, directing him to request of the German government whether it had received any report from its submarine commanders on the Hesperian case.

Officials of the department were without information at a late hour last night to confirm the press report from Berlin that Ambassador Gerard had been handed a note from the German foreign office on the Arabic case.

Germany Might Justify Attack. It is thought that if Germany admits that one of her submarines attacked the Hesperian, she might seek justification in the fact that the liner was armed with six-inch guns.

In view of the part which the presence of the gun is likely to play in the case it is regarded as significant that the state department is still to announce a decision in regard to the British steamer refused clearance papers at Norfolk on the ground that she has two guns on board.

Although Secretary Lansing admitted several days ago that the United States early in the war, had declared that vessels leaving American ports could carry mounted guns for purely defensive purposes, he indicated that in view of the prominent part which submarines have since played in the war, it might be necessary to modify this ruling.

RUSS RESUME OFFENSIVE

### Hard Fighting Reported on Both Wings in Courland.

London, Sept. 9.—Almost simultaneously with the announcement that the emperor has personally replace Grand Duke Nicholas as commander of the Russian forces, the fighting along the eastern front, despite the beginning of the autumn rains, has been resumed with intensity, which characterized it throughout the summer, on both wings in Courland, in the north and in Volhynia, Podolia and East Galicia. In the south the Russians are making determined efforts to regain the initiative, while in the center the Austro-Germans continue to increase their advantage.

Thus Field Marshal von Hindenburg and his commanders in Courland are still being denied their objective, the Dvina river, while Field Marshal von Mackensen and the Austrian generals at the other end of the line are engaged in opposing the Russian offensive.

In the center, on the other hand, Lieutenant General von Eichhorn and Prince Leopold of Bavaria are pushing forward, and, according to the Berlin official report, have occupied Wolkowsky, an important railway junction immediately east of Bialystok. It is for these railways that the Germans are now fighting as when the autumn rains turn a great part of the country into an impassable morass they will need every line of railway to keep their armies supplied with provisions and munitions.

Another day of heavy artillery engagements is recorded on the western front also there has been a series of air raids, as well as a bombardment of the German coast batteries by the batteries of the British fleet.

England Raided Again by Zeppelins

London, Sept. 9.—The second air raid on England within a matter of 24

# AMBASSADOR DUMBA

Gate Into Trouble With U. S. When Message Is Intercepted.



Photo by American Press Association.

hours occurred at midnight. Hostile air craft passed over the eastern counties, which they visited also Tuesday night, and added to this area an attack on London dropping incendiary and explosive bombs. The only details given out were that a few casualties had been reported and that the fires which had been started were under control. No information was then available of the exact districts which suffered from this latest raid or the number of casualties.

### Dumba Goes to Summer Home.

Washington, Sept. 9.—Dr. Dumba, Austro-Hungarian ambassador, left for the summer home at Lenox, Mass., to await word from Secretary Lansing as to whether the United States government is satisfied with the explanation of his intercepted letter to the Vienna foreign office outlining plans for withdrawing Austro-Hungarian labor and handicapping American plants manufacturing war supplies. The ambassador's statement to Mr. Lansing that he was acting under instructions from his government in all that he planned to do apparently has made a diplomatic issue far more serious than a mere question of ethics or propriety only involving Dr. Dumba himself.

### Arabic Sunk in Self-Defense.

Berlin, via London, Sept. 9.—Germany's note to the United States concerning the sinking of the White Star liner Arabic by a German submarine was communicated to James W. Gerard, the American ambassador.

The note ascribes the destruction of the liner to an act of self-defense on the part of the submarine, expresses the German government's deep regret that American lives were lost thereby, and offered to refer the question of reparation and compensation to The Hague for adjustment.

# RICH NEW YORK WOMAN STRANGLED TO DEATH.

### Three Thugs Entered House but Nothing Was Stolen.

New York, Sept. 9.—Mrs. James N. Nichols, widow of a member of the wholesale grocery firm of Austin, Nichols & Co., was murdered in her home at 4 East 79 street late last night by three masked men who carried revolvers. After the men had entered the house at the point of their guns and had bound and gagged two of Mrs. Nichols' servants the men went into Mrs. Nichols' room.

When she was found by the maid, who managed in an hour's time to free herself from her bonds, Mrs. Nichols was dead on the bed in her own room, and had been strangled by means of a table cloth and a dolly.

Mrs. Nichols was 60 years old, and inherited more than \$1,000,000 from the estate of her husband, who died abroad a year ago.

Inspector Faurot and Inspector Gray, who hurried to the Nichols home immediately after the murder was reported to them, were unable to find anything had been stolen. Their first search was, however, haphazard.

### 15 More Strikers Arrested.

Watertown, N. Y., Sept. 9.—The state industrial commission is holding a hearing in this city to investigate the strike in the paper mills in this section. Fifteen more strikers have been arrested for rioting.

WEATHER EVERYWHERE.		
Observations of United States weather bureau taken at 8 p. m. yesterday follow:		
New York	Temp. 72	Clear
Albany	76	Clear
Atlantic City	74	Clear
Boston	74	Clear
Buffalo	74	Clear
Chicago	82	Cloudy
St. Louis	82	P. Cl. dy
New Orleans	74	Cloudy
Washington	80	Clear
Philadelphia	80	P. Cl. dy

# MARTIAL LAW IN BORDER COUNTRY

## General Funston Orders Soldiers to Take Charge of Situation.

### LIGHT FIGHTING IS REPORTED.

In Mission Section Four Bandits Attacked a Ranch House, but Were Driven Off, the Robbers' Disappearance in the Brush—Texas Peace Officers to Work in the Interior.

Galveston, Sept. 9.—That section of the border country lying between Brownsville and Mission, and immediately adjoining the Rio Grande, is practically under martial law, as a result of orders issued by General Funston, authorizing soldiers to take charge of the situation where firing across the boundary might occur.

Peace officers were told that the United States would attend to this part of the country and that they could confine their work to the interior. While there has been no ill feeling expressed at the change in the situation, border peace officials look upon the action as an usurpation of their rights and they may be depended upon to chase and kill any bandits seen.

Reports from Matamoros are that two leaders of the bandits have taken to the market places of that city and requests have been made to General Nafarret to have them arrested and turned over to Texas authorities. The request has not been complied with, although the bandits were in Matamoros.

Light fighting was reported during the day. In the Mission section four bandits attacked a ranch house, but were driven off. At Savage and Run, where fighting took place, several shots were exchanged and one Mexican killed. In both instances the bandits disappeared in the brush.

# MRS. ARMOUR NOT AFRAID

### Says She Can Handle One Burglar, but Not Two—An Arrest Made.

Chicago, Sept. 9.—Mrs. J. Ogden Armour is recovering from an attack made on her by two burglars, who forced an entrance into her house and stole jewelry and money to the value of \$3,386.

"If there had been one man, instead of two," Mrs. Armour told Captain John J. Ryan of the Stanton avenue station, "I believe I could have handled him. I was doing fairly well until the second man interfered."

She was struck with a "billy" by one of the burglars while she was trying to wrest a revolver from the hand of the other man.

The police dragnet has been extended to all parts of the city for suspicious characters answering the description of two of the three men who are believed to have had a part in the robbery.

# TRAMPS TO RIDE FREE

### Won't Be Thrown Off Trains if They Can Show Union Cards.

New York, Sept. 9.—There is one railroad that will not permit its employees to throw tramps off its freight trains if they can show membership cards of the International Brotherhood Welfare association.

That was the cheering news conveyed in the speech of President J. Eads How to 75 members of the road, assembled for their Labor day celebration at Fort George. The announcement was greeted with applause.

Mr. How declined to name the road, as the company's officials asked that a committee is now trying to make similar arrangements with other roads to do the same.

Mr. How also said one of the chief objects of the association is to open what he called "Hotels de Jobless" in various cities.

# POISON TAKEN TO SCARE, DIES

### Jersey Girl Swallows Acid to Frighten Teasing Friends.

Hackensack, N. J., Sept. 9.—Anne Ren, 17 of Little Ferry, died last night at New Burham as a result of swallowing carbolic acid to "frighten" some of her girl friends.

The girl was visiting friends at New Durham and several other girls had been teasing her. Suddenly she swallowed the poison. It is said she had no intention of committing suicide.

# MURDER SUSPECT ARRESTED

### Harry Edwards Held in Connection With Killing of Judge Knowles.

Worcester, Mass., Sept. 9. Harry Edwards of Scituate, R. I., sought by the Rhode Island authorities in connection with the murder of Judge Willis H. Knowles of Johnston, R. I., is under arrest here.

A man arrested on charges of breaking and entering a hat shop and stealing a motor cycle was suspected of being Edwards.

The man denied it. Constable Allen Bishop of Scituate arrived at Worcester headquarters and immediately identified the prisoner as Edwards. Then Edwards admitted his identity, but disclaimed any knowledge of the assassination of Judge Knowles. After admitting his identity Edwards gave the Worcester police what he said was a complete account of his movements from the time he arrived in Scituate R. I. last Saturday night until he left Providence for Worcester on the last train Labor day night.

# BRYAN'S NEW PLAN FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE.

## Would Build Coast to Coast Roads to Mobilize On Quickly.

Chicago, Sept. 9.—William J. Bryan has what he regards as a dandy strategic plan for national defense. His contention is that with 12 highways leading from coast to coast the Americans farmers who would fight a foreign foe could seize their guns and mobilize quickly at certain points by riding to them in their motor cars.

The plan was announced in the course of a speech on "The Causeless War," given at the First Presbyterian Church, in a park and in other addresses delivered in Chicago. Mr. Bryan, speaking to reporters at the University club, just before he left the city, not only admitted that he said it, but defended it. He was especially wrath at the criticism that such roads might serve the enemy for the transport of artillery.

"I have been interested to see how the advocates of preparedness jump at the chance to discredit any attempt to divert money away from the building of battleships into useful channels," he said. "Two Chicago newspapers have suggested the danger that goods roads I seek might be used by the enemy. This is a far fetched argument. We have many other things an enemy might use. If we must dispense with good roads because an invader might use them, for the transport of artillery, why not make the future absolutely safe by destroying all the roads and then destroying everything that might invite an enemy to invade us."

# ENDS LIFE FOR GIRL'S LOVE

### Aged Philadelphian, Infatuated With Maid of 16, Hangs Himself.

Philadelphia, Sept. 9.—As a result of his infatuation for Tillie Wheeler, 16 years old, George Webster, 60 years old, committed suicide by hanging himself in a cell where he had been placed for making a disturbance at the home of one of Tillie's friends. He twisted his shirt into a rope and suspended himself from the cell grating.

"Wheeler was a life long friend of the family until his infatuation for Tillie became apparent," said the girl's father. "Whenever he needed assistance he came to me, and many times he made his home at our house. Tillie never looked upon him as anything but a friend, however. In fact, she always regarded him as an uncle."

# BOY DIES VICTIM OF JOKE

### Body Blown Up Like Balloon With Air Hose.

South Bethlehem, Pa., Sept. 9.—Joseph Wean, aged 16, with his body swollen to the proportions of a balloon, died at a local hospital as the result of rough sportsmen, working at the Bethlehem Steel works during the noon hour.

The employees in the shipping department of the plant had finished their lunch, when John Gresh, aged 25, seized a pneumatic air hose and placing the nozzle against Wean's body opened the air cock. The air, under an 80-pound pressure, forced into the lad's body caused it to swell to abnormal proportions. He became unconscious almost immediately.

The county detective force is looking for Gresh, who escaped, and the coroner has empaneled a jury to investigate the case.

### Slain by Jilted Lover.

Wheeling, W. Va., Sept. 9.—Mrs. Fannie Litzkus, aged 30, of Glenwood near here, was shot and instantly killed in her home by a disappointed sweetheart, William Watkins, aged 32 of Glenwood. Watkins walked into Mrs. Litzkus' home and, without saying a word, pulled a gun from his pocket and shot three times. The first two bullets took effect in the head, the other striking Mrs. Litzkus in the heart. She dropped to the floor dead and Watkins ran out of the house. Later Watkins was arrested and locked up.

# Shot by Dismissed Employee.

Wheeling, W. Va., Sept. 9.—George J. Stein, chief clerk in the office of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, was shot in his office by a former employee of the company, William Gillingham of Benwood. The shooting followed an argument between the two men, Stein was shot in the chest and right thigh. He is in a critical condition. Gillingham was arrested. He was formerly employed as a fireman and recently was discharged. He blamed Stein for his dismissal.

### Stahl Pleads Guilty to Perjury.

New York, Sept. 9.—Gustav Stahl, the German reservist, who swore that he saw four guns mounted on the decks of the Lusitania just as that vessel was about to leave this port on the voyage that ended when a German torpedo struck her off the Irish coast, pleaded guilty to perjury in the United States district court. He will be sentenced today. An effort will be made to discover who employed him to swear that the Lusitania was an armed ship.

# FORD DETERMINED ON PEACE PLANS.

## Will Devote \$10,000,000 to the Campaign if It Is Necessary.

### COUNTRY TO HEAR QUESTION.

Detroit Auto Builder Also Announced That the Ford Motor Company of Canada Will Manufacture His Farm Tractors With an Additional Working Force of at Least 10,000 Men.

Detroit, Sept. 9.—That he will follow his \$10,000,000 peace offer with one of \$9,000,000 more, if necessary, and that the Ford Motor company of Canada will manufacture his farm tractor with a necessary additional working force of at least 10,000 men, were announcements made by Henry Ford.

Relative to his peace campaign Mr. Ford says he already has men employed in the active formulation of plans toward bringing the question before the entire country.

Many Obstacles to Surmount. In outlining his beliefs, Mr. Ford acknowledged the obstacles in his path, spoke of the criticism accorded him for his views, but unshaken in his stand, he solemnly said he would devote \$10,000,000 to the campaign if necessary.

"I have been severely criticized for my peace views and I expect more criticism of them," said Mr. Ford. "I expect to take a fall out of my critics just about as often as they take one out of me, however."

In conversation with C. W. Hart, in charge of the Jackson state penitentiary exhibit at the state fair, Mr. Ford promised to take the discharged convicts and put them to work as fast as they are released.

"I have yet to meet a thoroughly bad man," said he. "Every man has his good qualities and they will assert themselves if given a chance and I am willing to give them that chance."

Mr. Hart was invited to visit Ford at his office and discuss the matter further.

### Canadian Tractor Stock Advanced.

It is believed the possibility of the tractor being manufactured in Canada was the chief reason for the sudden boost in price of the Canadian plant stock from par to \$150.

Switching to the peace subject Mr. Ford continued: "I believe thoroughly that education is necessary to insure peace in the United States. The glamor and glory painted into war pictures are false. They must be shown that preparedness for war creates war. They must learn how their taxes are used for military preparations in time of peace, only to be wasted along with their lives in times of war."

"I have several men working for me now in the campaign for peace."

# MARKET REPORT

### NEW YORK PROVISION MARKET

WHEAT—Closing futures \$1.08 1/2.

BUTTER—Creamery, extra 27c.

EGGS—Gathered white at market and quality, 25@32c.

POTATOES—Long Island, per bushel, \$1.25@1.65.

Buffalo Provision Market

WINTER WHEAT—No. 2 hard, 83 1/2c.

CORN—No. 2 yellow, 33 1/2c.

# KILLED BY TRAIN

### Newsdealer Will Lose a Limb

Assistant Dept. of Justice, New York, Sept. 9.—David Solomon, 40, an employee of the Union News company, an employee who was seriously injured by a train of the Pennsylvania railroad, which struck him in the leg at the Matawan station, N. J., Sept. 7, was taken to the hospital at Newark, N. J., where he was operated upon. The injured leg was amputated. The injured leg was amputated. The injured leg was amputated.

Lackey, who was in New York when the accident occurred, believed that Solomon's right leg would be amputated. He was taken to the hospital at Newark, N. J., where he was operated upon. The injured leg was amputated. The injured leg was amputated.

### Will Inspect Cattle

Charleston, W. Va., Sept. 9.—A report that foot and mouth disease affects a herd of cattle in Pocahontas county, W. Va., was received here last night. They were inspected by a representative of the bureau of animal industry at Charleston, W. Va.

### Lusitania Victim's Body Located

Montreal, Que., Sept. 9.—The body of Mrs. George Washington Stearns, widow of Hon. G. W. Stearns, who met her death in the Lusitania, has been notified that her recently found off the coast of Ireland, went down with the ship.

# BASEBALL GAMES

### National League Standing

Clubs	W.	L.
Philadelphia	70	56
Boston	68	58
Brooklyn	70	51
St. Louis	65	67
Chicago	61	71
Pittsburgh	53	79
New York	53	79
Cincinnati	58	74
At Philadelphia—Philadelphia		
New York 3.		
At Brooklyn—Brooklyn 1,		
12, 4.		
At St. Louis—St. Louis 2,		
American League Standing		
Clubs	W.	L.
Boston	84	43
Detroit	85	47
Chicago	79	53
Washington	63	79
New York	59	85
St. Louis	52	92
Cleveland	50	94
Philadelphia	38	106
At Boston—Boston 0,		
13, Philadelphia 1, 2.		
At New York—New York 1,		
1, 1.		
At Cleveland—Cleveland 1,		
1, 1.		
At Chicago—Chicago 10,		
1, 1.		
International League Standing		
Clubs	W.	L.
Providence	79	44
Buffalo	73	50
Montreal	62	61
Harrisburg	59	64
Rochester	59	64
Toronto	58	65
Richmond	56	70
Jersey City	45	75
At Buffalo—Buffalo 4,		
Rochester—Rochester 5,		
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At Rochester—Rochester 5,		
1, 1.		
Federal League Standing		
Clubs	W.	L.
Pittsburg	73	58
Newark	67	64
St. Louis	69	69
Chicago	70	61
Kansas City	68	63
Buffalo	67	68
Baltimore	43	81
At Buffalo—Buffalo 4,		
5, 0, 4.		
At Newark—Newark 4,		
6, 3.		
At Kansas City—Kansas		
Pittsburg 2; called.		

### Examine Your Children Now. It is a good way to avoid trouble and heavy expense

Richmond, REGISTERED OPTOMETRIST

Richmond, Wednesday, Sept. 29

Richmond, Mondays, Tuesdays and Saturdays.

### BROWN

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