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TACKS VESSEL

IN FIVE MILE OCEAN RACE

Captain Reports Incident Upon Arrival of His Ship in New York Harbor

New York, April 23. — An American steamship was chased for five miles by the German sea raider Secadler, off the coast of Brazil, on. April 12, according to the captain of the vessel which reached this port today. The Secadler, previousy reported by the victims of her raids on their arrival at Rio Janeiro, was formerly the American bark Pass of Balmaha, into which the Germans had fitted gasoline

The captain of the steamship which is engaged in the South American trade, said the raider was sighted at 6 o'clock in the morning. bearing down on him at a point 39

weed 200 and 300 miles off the goast. The pursuer, he said, put on all speed, making about 13 knots an hour. As this was slightly less than his own vessel's speed, he was able-

Although within range the raider did not attempt to fire on him. She had Norwegian flags painted on her sides, he said, and mounted two gens apparently of 8-inch endibre.

This is the first report of the operations of the Secadler since crows from ships she sank reached Rio Janeiro, March 31,

WOTE KEEPS MUSIC ON CITY FERRYBOATS By International News Service.

New York, April 23.-Staten Is landers must have their daily music no matter how many nickels must be dropped into the musicians' hats. Art has a firm grip on the souls of islanders who come to the hig city each day for work or amusement.

For several years there have been musicians-usually flute, Larp and violin trios—on the municipal ferry? boats plying between the Battery and St. George. The musicians received their pay by passing arountheir hats. Then came shjections from the mean souls who were wilfing to listen to the sprightly airs, but disliked seeing the hat under their noses each morning and even-

The Dock Department, which con trols the ferryboats, finally decided to hold a referendum, and the vote was 2.313 in favor of having music and 985 against.

So the 1917 music privilege has been sold by the city for \$2,000. which is 40,000 nickels.

GEORGIA HAS TO ADMIT GERMANS AR ECLEAN

By International News Service. Atlanta, April 23. - German Mi ciency is like a cat. You can't kil il or stifle it.

At Fort McPherson, where 114 seamen from the German raider Kronprinz Wilhelm are held as prisoners of war, that, well-known commodity is as much alive as in Von-Hindenburg's army, only it is at being applied to the task of scrub-

Day after day flie seamen craw over the floors with soap and acriving to call on Admiral Benson. brushes, doing the same job over They left cards for Assistant Secreand over, and then once more. Captain Wagner, provost marshal in city. They were accompanied by charge of the guard at the intern-Rear Admiral Fletcher and other ment camp, after his last semiweekly trip of inspection through the prison barracks, said the immanulate state of the floors was

BRITISH POREIGN MINISTER AND PARTY WITH PRESIDENT

CHIEF JUSTICE PRESENT

Conferences With Reference to War Will be Started at Once and Important Plans Constructed

Washington, April 23.—Forpresentation of foreign Minister Balfour and the British commissioners, here with him was completed tonight with a dinner reception at the White House, which was attended by President Wilson's entire cabinet, Chief Justice White, the advisory council on National defense, William Dentary to the President Tumulty,

late today that he will address Gen. Haig. day on the war.

Soon after 10:30 o'clock, Mr. Balour, accompanied by the British ambassador. Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, been given over to him, to the state eign minister smiled broadly. department building and paid a formal call on Secretary Lansing.

The British ambassador and Hugh four's aide, remained with Secretary: wikhdrew leaving the two high offiials together. They at once plunged into a conference.

The conference between Mr. Balfour and Mr. Lansing was not prolonged, and at its conclusion the lwo men left the building to cross over to the White House where the British foreign minister was received by President Wilson.

As Mr. Balfour left the state department building several bundred employes crowding the stairways and corridors applauded and cheered loudly. Mr. Balfour 'acknowledged the greetings by bowing and smiling as he passed by with Mr

Surrounded by a small escort, the British foreign minister and the secretary of state crossed the avenue which separates the state department building from the White House and just thefore it o'clock passed in the main entrance of the sing were at the White House, the naval officers of the British party. headed by Admiral DeChair, began Vice-president Marshall, lary Roosevell, who was out of the

As Mr. Balfour passed into the ent. White House grounds, the "silent Assistant Secretary Phillips and into the Parliament building. The Pereste is being held without sentinels" of the woman suffragists Mr. Gibson accompanied Mr. Bal- fact that there were unrebuked benefit of bail, pending the outcome

BALFOUR GUEST AT LONDON AND BERLIN MAKING CLAIMS OF VICTORY IN WEST

Battle Goes on Furiously With Advance by British and Attack on Petrograd Promised by Germans in Short While Which May Overwhelm Russian Ardor

By Associated News Service.

London ,April 23.—The British army today chopped off the right arms of the original Hindenburg line, and Lens, the heart of the French coal district, is nearer the British grasp. They captured the villages of Gavrelle and Guemappe on the north and south bank of

Scarpe river. Many prisoners also were taken. Amsterdam, April 23.—The German naval squadron is on its way to Riga, accompanied by several transports, according to a Petrograd dispatch. Land and sea drive on Petrograd may

be started soon. Berlin, April 23.—Repulse of the new British offensive, on the Arras front, with heavy loss to the British, was the announcement made by the war office here tonight.

Great Britain's furious fighters (maining defenses of the Hindenburg tominous word "revolution" was man, chairman of the United the German lines in Northern accomplished by the taking of the to the affair. The royal eastle is un-

9, was given its initial impetus to- mile for the British. Conferences will begin today, 'on both sides of the river. South of the Arres Cambra; road a mice of the line has been straightened out democracies are massing their guins writing to give very indefinite majority of the committee. sion of plans will be had until puts it. The statement issued at by the capture of the village of and shells for another tremendous writing to give very indefinite majority of the committee, pro-

The extent of the attack has not been clearly developed, but as it is being held in check along the Aisno, a'lied capitals is that General Haig stream, President Wilson was advised announced to have been launched today that the commission on a wide front it probably Gen. Nivelle while the work of fort to smash his way through to comes to serve and give impor- reaches well toward the Vieny po- consolidating the notable gains of Cambrai and Donai. tant information regarding the sitions on the north and beyond the past week is in progress. The Pending these developments pubwar and not "to offer sugges- the Arras-Cambrai road to the artiflery is busy, however, and Pa- lie interest has been keenly aroused south. Besides tending still further ris reports the breaking up of Ger- by the cryptic words of Lord Cur-Foreign Minister Balfour and to encompass the city of Lens, the man attacks at several points, not- zeh, member of the British War members of the high commission movement is directed toward both ab'y east of Craonne on the French Council, "keep your eye on Mesobegan their first official day in Douai, the important German dis-

> Early details of the offensive report the shattering of the last re-

who has been detailed as Mr. Bal- General G. T. Bridges, accompanied destination. Lansing and the British foreign min-the office of Major General Scott, have begun their threatened operaister only a short time and then chief of staff, where they were received by a large party of Ameriof lesser rank also were present.

The British officers were attired in field uniforms of khaki, while still in retreat up the Tigris, norththe American officers were in the west of Bagdad, before the victofull dress uniforms of blue. After rious British, They have evacuated General Scott had introduced Gen- their Iztabilat position, ten miles eral Bridges and his staff to the below Samara, and moved to a po-American officers, all the British sition six miles nearer the town. guests were received by Secretary Gen, Maude, the Bultish comman-Baker.

The naval delegation meanwhile tacked there by his forces. had been received by Admiral Benon, chief of operations, and Assist-

ant Sedretary Roosevelt. The British army and navy officers concluded their visits soon afterward and returned to their stopping places.

The President's reception of Mr Balfour lasted three quarters of an executive mansion where President hour. The President and the Brit-Wilson, surrounded by a party of ish minister talked freely and at remy and navy aides, was waiting. Heigth. At 11:15 o'clock Mr. Balfour While Mr. Balfour and Mr. Lan-left the White House and accompanied by Secretary Lansing drove to the capital to be presented to

doing "peaceful picketing" waved four to the capitol in a motor car.

began today a renewed attack on line north of the Scarpe. This was freely used, gives another aspect town of Gavrelle, on the Arras- | der guard and more serious out-The new strike, marking a re- Donai road, on the front between breaks are predicted for May 1. and Miss Helen Woodrow sumption after a week's interval of Fampoux and Bailleul, This capture Bones, cousin of President and the British offensive begun April market a new advance of about a

Meanwhile the French infantry is fall, but the general opinion in the front and in the Chempagne by is about to make another great ef-Washington with a round of calls, tributing point to the northeast, the Champagne and on the Moronsalient in ritheast of Mont Haut in potamia," the first of which was at the state and the Hindenburk line key point villiers ridges in the same sector. The Bril'sh forces in the Valley of

While momentons battles are No. the Tigris, who are now some 80 ing fought on the western front a miles north of Bagdad, have given new movement of possible vital im- rise to the hope that Lord Curzon's drove from the mansion which has their banners and the British for- by the Germans in the eastern theas everwhelming blow against the ter of war. A news agency dispatch shattered forces of the Sultan, The The army officers of the British from Petrograd I day reports the main Turkish forces are at present mission at the same time were ar-departure from Libau, on the Balfie practically surrounded by the Britriving at the war department, to be south of the Gulf of Rida, of Gest ish and Russian armies, and their L. Gibson, of the state department, received by Secreatry Baker, Major man transports for an unknown

by his aides, were escorted first to | This may mean that the Gormans fion of making a combined land and sea mevement against the Russians can officers, including Generals by landing on the Gulf of Finland in neached port, the Belgian relief Bliss, McCain, McIntyre, Crozier, the rear of the Russian notthern Weaver and others. Many officers flank, fighting their way inland and cutting off Petrograd,

In Mesopotamia the Turs are of the cargo can be salvaged. der, reports they are now being at-

A pall of silence has fallen over the Central Empires, serving to accentuate the reports of grave internal troubles. In spile of the as- STABBED IN ALLEGED sertions of the German press and the great Berlin strike, which incolved at least 300,000 workers is over there is evidence that the agifati a to contiming. The Berlin Tageblatt admits that the members of two of the munition wirkers' unions have refused to return to work, and says that those who persist in their refusal will be called

In the meantime the revolution- to Metairie Ridge wit htwo girls, After the formal greetings the ary spirit which is rampant in the evening, according to Me-President and Mr. Balfour entered throughout Europe has given a sen- Derby, Peresto began to quarrel the blue room with Secretary Lan-sational demonstration in Sweden, with him because he thought he sing and remained in earnest con-The food situation is ostensably the was trying to "stead his girt." Withversation for more than a half hour, cause of the remarkable events in out warning, McDerby charges, Pe-The military aides were not pres- Stockholm, where a great multitude resto drew a pocket knife and of workers tried to force their way stabled him in the side, shouts for a republic, and that the 'of McDerby's wound.

Mindenburg's Lines Being Broken Conscription and Volunteer Systems and His Trenches Filled With

His Own Dead

London April 23.-In their new offensive the British have captured the town of Gavelle, the last part of battles between friends and enethe defenses of the Hindenburg line mies of the administration's plan north of the Scarpe. They have also to raise an army by selective draft taken the village of Guemappe, outh of the Scarpe.

been taken today.

attacks which spread along a wide front. The fighting was particularly severe on both banks of the While the revolutionists gather Scarpe where the British pushed a big army by selective draft was headway and audacity in the mon- forward in their initial successes taken up in the House for the first

the French commission arrives, about noon, embodies a report of Guemappe. Already more than 1000 thrust against the German lines in news, but the first reports coming vided for volunteer emissionent. The first reports coming vided for volunteer emissionent. Mr. Balfour stated officially "satisfactory progress" sent by additional Germans have been taken France. There is nothing definite back indicate that the capture of conscription only as a last res Guerrappe, to the south of that

> A hig pust, also was made opposite Croiselles and from that sector of the front alone comes the report that more than 100 prisoners were

Gavrelle is a part of the last definite defenses the Germans have before falling back on what is known as the Drocourt-Queant switch to [the Hindenburg line.

The British also made progress in he region southwest of Lens, the herman garrison of which town iaily is facing a more critical sifu-

The fighting today was under fine weather and a chill northwest win i. The latter, however, dried the ground and gave the attacking in the Shreveport rate case. troops the hest going they had enjoyed this year. The hombardment of the new German positions which had been going on steadily for two Kongsli, recently torpedoed, has days increased in intensity last night when the skies were lighted by the continuous flashes of the guns,

road of retreat lies across an al-

RELIEF SHIP LANDS

commission announced tonight. The

second mate is missing. Others of

the grew are safe. Three-fourths

JACK RUSSO VS. PHIL VERGES

Verges in a 15-round mill at the

Tulane Athletic club on May 7.

Verges recently made a tour of the

west, winning practically every bout

he fought. Russo also has the rep-

Walter L. McDerby, 29, 927 Poy-

dras street, who is alleged to have

been stabbed by Alexander Peresto

a room-mate friend for 15 years

while at Metairie Ridge Sunday

was reported at the Charity hospi-

tal last night as being somewhat

improved. His condition is not

Sunday McDerby and Peresto went

thought to be serious.

QUARREL ABOUT GIRL

thallon of being a good scrapper.

Jack Russo will mix up with Phil

London, April 23 .- The relief ship

most impassable desert.

the battle lines today directing the artillery and co-operating with the infantry. Yesterday British aviaors brought down six German ohservation balloons.

The first phase of the battle of Arras, which began Easter Monday, Lavergne street, Aigiers, Norman ended with the British in posses- Hendricks, 26, 3307 Chippewa street sion of Monchy-Le-Preux, which, a carpenter, last night lost his halhowever, remained a distinct sal- acce and fell a distance of twentyient until today's fighting was taken six feet. He was injured about the

Monchy, situated on a hill, com nands the country for forty miles castward. During the last ten days. the Germans delivered at least a score of counter attacks against that position, against which they

The desperate attempts to recapture it show how highly Monchy was regarded as a key position protecting the Drocourt switch line, which has not yet been fortified as strongly as the Germans would de-

to pick their way over thousands of sent. Unon reaching Urauline and were the men massed.

RIVER OF BLOOD ON WORDY WAR ON BIL GER. BATTLEFIELD FOR GREATER ARMY

ONE FIGHT HARVEST OF DEATH SENATE AND HOUSE DISAGREE

Have Friends Who Will

Washington, April 23.- Furious were waged in both House and Sen-

The Senate will pass the measure. In the House it has less chance, Chairman Deut opened the The lull in the past week on the debate with a defense of the volun-British front was broken today by teer system, expressing the belief without resorting to draft

The administration bill to create

Cavrolle, north of the Scarpe, and and the fight this morning was led by Chairman Dent, of the military committee. A strong element in the House, backed, the selective conscription plan advocated by the army general staff and recommended by the military committee minority, fead by Representative Kahn, of California, a republican.

LOUISIANA WINS IN FAMOUS RATE CASE.

Louisiana won in the controversy with Texas, in a decision rendered in the United States circuit court yesterday in the famous Louisiana-Texas rate case. The court granted a temperary injunction restraining the Texas state railroad commission from interfering with the tarill levied by Toxas railroads inobedience with the mandate of the Interstate Commerce Commission

ALLEGED FUGITIVE CAUGHT Joe Washington, negro, was art

rested yesterday at Poydras and Saratoga streets yesterday by Patrolman McNamara on a charge of being a fagitive from justice from Airplanes fairly filled the air overs Natalbany, La. He is alleged to have killed a man named Matt Moseley several months ago.

CARPENTER HURT BY FALL

While working aboard the steamship Nile, moored at the head of Lead and is in the Presbyterian hospitat in a serious condition.

NEGROES QUARREL AND

SHOOTING IS RESULT Andrew Journee, negro, 943 Dgmaine street, was shot in the left brought an ever-increasing gantire, arm by Charles Absent, negro, when he tried to prevent Absent from shooting Willie Logan, another black, at Ursuline and Burguer streets early last night. Absent and Logan, both said to be police characters, escaped,

Logan and Absent became involve ed in a quarret over a wo-Monchy has been one of the blood- man, witnesses told the police, iest spots the Germans have known. The men came to blows and and when the British advanced from getting the worst of it, Legan it in the early dawn today they had picked up a brick and chased Ab German dead. It was estimated that Burgandy street. Absent turner 2,500 Germans were killed in one around, drew his revolver and as no day's counter attacks, so closely aimed at Legan, Journes interfered