THE WEATHER
Forecast till 8:00 p. m. Thursday: Unsettled tonight and Thursday; probably showers.

The Parkersburg Sentinel.

IN THE MIDST OF A CITY THAT'S FOR IT: ALL HERE THE PARKERSBURG GROWS

12 Pages Today

TWENTY-SIXTH YEAR — PARKERSBURG, W. VA., WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 12, 1915 — PRICE TWO CENTS.

UNCLE SAM DEMANDS STRICT ACCOUNTING FROM GERMANY

FRANCE TODAY SCENE OF ONE OF PRINCIPAL BATTLES OF WAR

BELGIANS ARE NOW PUSHING FORWARD NEAR THE BORDER

FRENCH ATTACKING FURIOUSLY IN ATTEMPT TO PIERCE GERMAN LINE.

GERMANS ON OFFENSIVE PRESSING AGAINST THE BRITISH ARMY.

RUSSIANS ADMIT A FURTHER RETREAT IN GALICIA—DENY ROUT.

POPE BENEDICT HAS GIVEN UP HOPE OF PEACE FOR ITALY.

By Associated Press.

London, England, May 12.—From the Belgian coast to Arras, across the border in Northern France, one of the principal battlefields, was thus far is now under way.

The Belgians are now pushing forward near the border. The French are attacking furiously in an attempt to pierce the German line.

Between these two districts the Germans are on the offensive pressing against the British army with great force.

The Russians admit a further retreat in Galicia but deny reports of a complete rout.

The course of Italy is still undecided. Pope Benedict is reported to have almost given up hope that Italy will remain at peace.

Austria's final counter proposals are expected shortly, but little hope is entertained that they will satisfy Italy.

The progress of the Allies offensive in Flanders and northern France has given rise to hope here that one of the really momentous phases of the war is in process of solution which would be regarded as favorable from the British point of view.

Berlin recognizes the importance of the turn of events. German newspapers emphasize in large headlines the beginning of a new Anglo-French offensive.

German reinforcements rushed from other points thus far apparently have failed to check the dash of troops which, sweeping north from Arras have captured important German positions.

AUSTRIA'S LAST DEFINITE PROPOSAL

By Associated Press.

Rome, Italy, May 12.—What is considered the last definite proposal of Austria concerning the territorial concessions demanded by Italy, was received today by the Italian government. The cabinet at once went into session to consider the communication.

ESCORTS CANNOT BE PROVIDED

NAVAL RESOURCES DO NOT ENABLE GREAT BRITAIN TO PROVIDE DESTROYER ESCORTS FOR MAIL AND PASSENGER BOATS, SAYS CHURCHILL.

London, England, May 12.—A board of trade inquiry will be held to determine the circumstances attending the loss of the Lusitania, according to an announcement in the House of Commons this afternoon by Winston Spencer Churchill, the first Lord of the Admiralty.

"In the meantime," pursued Mr. Churchill, "discretion is indicated and this must make it plain that in no circumstances will it be possible to make public the naval dispositions for controlling our coasts. Our resources do not enable us to provide destroyer escorts for mail and passenger boats.

"The Admiralty had certain knowledge of the German sailing vessels in America, and from the information contained in the marine movements it sent warnings to the Lusitania and directions as to her course. I think I have the right to go into that matter in detail, as it is going to be a subject of inquiry and it might appear that I was endeavoring to draw blame on the captain or the Lusitania. It is a matter which will be a subject of full investigation.

"The investigation will be conducted by Lord Mersey, assisted by skilled assessors, and it will be opened with out avoidable delay.

"The shocking exception of the Lusitania," continued Mr. Churchill, "should not divert the House of Commons and the country from the fact that Great Britain's entire seaport trade has been carried on without appreciable loss. The general principle regarding the providing on escort is that merchant traffic must look after itself subject to the general arrangements of the Admiralty, and there is no reason to suppose that this principal subject to the general arrangements of the Admiralty, and there is no reason to suppose that this principal subject to the general arrangements of the Admiralty, and there is no reason to suppose that this principal

Shocking Stories of Alleged German Brutality in Belgium

Massacres of the Civil Population

VISCOUNT BRYCE REPORTS THAT INNOCENT CIVILIANS, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN,

WERE MURDERED IN LARGE NUMBERS, WOMEN AND CHILDREN MURDERED.

OUTRAGES ORDERED AND COUNTENANCED BY OFFICERS OF GERMAN ARMY.

By Associated Press.

London, May 12.—Viscount Bryce, Former British Ambassador at Washington, and now chairman of a special Government Committee appointed to "investigate and report on outrages alleged to have been committed by German troops during the present war," has submitted the report of the committee to Premier Asquith.

The document is considered as probably the most severe arraignment thus far made of the German military sweep across Belgium, mainly because of the position of Viscount Bryce as a historian, and also because of the care with which the investigation was made, the great number of witnesses whose testimony was examined, and the mass of evidence now submitted with the report of the committee.

Associated with Lord Bryce on the committee were Sir Frederick Pollock, Sir Edward Clarke, Sir Alfred Hopkinson, H. A. L. Fisher, Wm. Charles Bon, in the University of Sheffield, Harold Cox, and Kenelm E. Digby.

The committee was appointed by Premier Asquith on January 22, last, and was given broad instructions to investigate "alleged outrages, the maltreatment of civilians, and breaches of law and established usages of war."

The most important features of the committee are summed up in the following conclusion at the close of the report:

"It will be seen that the committee have come to a definite conclusion upon each of the heads under which the evidence has been classified.

"It is proved:

"First. That there were in many parts of Belgium deliberate and systematic organized massacres of the civil population, accompanied by many isolated murders and other outrages.

"Second. That in the conduct of the war generally innocent civilians, both men and women, were murdered in large numbers, women violated and children murdered.

"Third. That looting, house burning, and the wanton destruction of property were ordered and countenanced by the officers of the German Army, that elaborate provision had been made for systematic incendiarism at the very outbreak of the war, and that the burning and destruction were frequently in no military necessity could be alleged being part of a system of general terrorization.

"Fourth. That the rules and usages of war were frequently broken, particularly by the using of civilians, including women and children, as a shield for advancing forces, as cover for firing on the enemy, by killing the wounded and prisoners, and in the frequent abuse of the Red Cross and the White Flag."

KILLED HIMSELF

Prisoner Serving a Fifteen-Year Sentence Nearly Severed His Head.

Charles Berry, serving a 15-year sentence in the state penitentiary at Moundsville, sentenced on a second charge, grand larceny, committed suicide by nearly severing his head from his body with a large knife, while in his cell at the institution, Monday night at 9:30 o'clock.

Berry was convicted at the Jan. August 9, 1912, from Page, Fayette county, and ever since he had been confined behind the walls was a model prisoner, and no reason for his rash act is advanced. The dead man leaves a wife and six children, all residing at Page.

Miss Anne Greer, of Ripley, is spending a couple of days here shopping.

COURSE OF PRESIDENT HAS BEEN DETERMINED REGARDING LUSITANIA

DEMANDS STRICT ACCOUNTING FOR THE LOSS OF AMERICAN LIVES

IN SINKING OF LUSITANIA AND VIOLATION OF AMERICAN RIGHTS IN WAR ZONE.

IT ALSO ASKS GUARANTEES THAT THERE SHALL BE NO REPETITION OF PRACTICES.

INTIMATES UNITED STATE IS PREPARED TO MEET ALL EVENTUALITIES.

IT WILL BE ANNOUNCED JUST AS SOON AS IT IS PROPER TO PUBLISH THE NOTE NOW IN PREPARATION, SAYS TUMULTY.

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., May 12.—The United States government, in a note today, formally demands of the imperial government a strict accounting for the loss of American lives in the sinking of the Lusitania and the violation of American rights in the war zone.

It also asks guarantees that there will be no repetition of such events or practices.

With the plain intimation in it that the United States is prepared to meet any eventualities that may arise from a non-compliance with the demands, the common phrase and unmistakably emphatic language was prepared to be cabled to Berlin by nightfall.

Written by President Wilson and approved unanimously by radical and conservative members of the Cabinet, the note was being carefully examined by Counselor Lansing and the law officers of the government at the State Department today, so make sure that its phraseology covered every point of law involved.

The following statement in connection with the Lusitania was made public at the White House today by Secretary Tumulty, after a conference with the President:

"The course of the President has been determined. It will be announced just as soon as it is proper to publish the note now in preparation."

This announcement by Secretary Tumulty was taken to mean that the American government, observing the usual diplomatic amenities, would await the receipt of the communication in Berlin before making it public.

At first there was some suggestion that the communication be sent personally by the President to Emperor William, but Mr. Wilson determined that it should be addressed not to an individual, but to the German government, and through it to the German people.

As for reparation, the United States naturally will seek financial reparation, but its protest now is in the name of international law and humanity to obtain a guarantee that such tragedies will not be repeated and lives of non-combatants sacrificed.

While high officials and Cabinet officers were reticent to discuss its contents, it was agreed that the note voiced the intense feeling of the United States over the occurrences in the war zone and wanted an explanation of them, as well as a guarantee that they would not be repeated.

DEATH OF AGED MINISTER.

Huntington, W. Va., May 12.—Seized with an attack of heart failure Sunday morning, while attending Sunday school at the First M. E. Church, Alderson, G. Workman, aged 65 years, a Methodist circuit rider in Wayne county, died within an hour, after being carried to his home at 1517 Third street, in an automobile. He was attended by Dr. C. R. Enslow and Dr. James R. Dice, but the united efforts of the physicians were unavailing.

SEHON, DEMOCRAT ELECTED MAYOR

IN THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION AT HUNTINGTON YESTERDAY.

ELECTION WAS QUIET, BUT A LARGE VOTE WAS CAST.

Huntington, W. Va., May 12.—Edmond Sehon, a Democrat, was elected mayor of Huntington yesterday and the following were also winners: L. A. Pollock, Republican, re-elected commissioner; O. H. Wells, Democrat, elected commissioner; W. M. Prindle, Republican, re-elected.

The election was a very quiet one, although the vote was unusually large. The new mayor is a prominent Democrat and is a wholesale grocer.

"AMERICA FIRST" —HERMAN RIDDER

PROMINENT GERMAN-AMERICAN SAYS HE IS WITH THE PRESIDENT.

New York, May 12.—Herman Ridder makes the following statement this morning in the Staats Zeitung:

"What attitude do German Americans take toward the German submarine policy as evidenced by the fate of their fellow citizens on the Lusitania?

"Are they with the President of the United States or the Emperor of Germany?"—The Evening Mail.

"I speak for myself and, I believe, for the great majority of German Americans, when I say that we are with the President of the United States to the finish in all matters affecting national honor or national prestige.

"I subscribe unqualifiedly to the statement of Carl Schurz: 'My country, right or wrong; if right, to be kept right; if wrong, to be set right.'

"Does this satisfy the Evening Mail?"

HERMAN RIDDER.

Corner Stone Lowered Into Place as Grand Honors Are Given by the Masons

FITTING CEREMONIES MARK THE EVENT THIS AFTERNOON.

NEW TEMPLE OF MASONS SCENE OF LARGE THRONG OF VISITORS.

PAST MASTER BRYAN INVITES GRAND MASTER ICE TO LAY STONE.

ORATOR OF THE DAY WAS HON. L. N. TAVENNER, OF THIS CITY.

GRAND NEW LODGE HOME NOW WELL ON WAY TO COMPLETION.

This afternoon the corner stone for the grand new Masonic Temple on Third and Market streets, was laid with impressive ceremonies and in the presence of a great throng of Masons from over the state, and neighboring states, who had been invited to be present for the occasion, marking the progress of the construction of what is universally regarded as the most imposing Masonic Home in the state, and the equal of any lodge home in the Ohio valley. It was a source of pride to the citizens of this city, as well, who were present in great numbers to witness the event, out of civic pride at seeing another handsome lodge home well on its way to completion in Parkersburg.

The ceremonies were conducted by the Most Worshipful William T. Ice, Jr., Grand Master of Masons of West Virginia, of Morgantown. Hon. Lewis N. Tavenner, of this city, one of the prominent Masons of West Virginia, and Past Grand Master, was the orator of the day, and his remarks were eloquent and expressive of of the great hopes the Masons have in the erection of their new home and of the purposes of the organization. Preceding the laying of the corner stone, which is of highly polished Tennessee marble, a grand parade was held, forming at the present home on Juliana street, and marching in review before the Grand officers, stationed at the new Temple that is now so far on its way to completion. The ceremonies were conducted by Mr. Ice at the invitation of Past Grand Master, Jas. A. Bryan.

The event marks the realization of the fondest hope of all local Masons, who have dreamed for years past of this day when they might see the structure reach the stage of its building, when they could invite their brothers from this and neighboring state to witness the results so far attained of their aspirations and plans for years past. It was an imposing event which the Masons of West Virginia will long remember when so many of their number gathered on the scene, during the days of construction, of what will, when completed, be a home unequalled in this section of the country.

Everything had been made ready for the occasion. The contractors, the Prescott Construction Company, had arranged their affairs for the auspicious occasion. The enclosure was removed and the ground cleared that the crowd might be accommodated. The first floor, which is of concrete, was also cleared for the occasion. The corner stone had been suspended ready to be lowered when the ceremonies should begin.

The Ceremonies.

The program that had been arranged was carried out to the letter. The ceremony of the laying of the stone was in order, following the invitation of James A. Bryan, Hon. Past Grand Master, and Member of the Board of Trustees of Masonic bodies, to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, William T. Ice, Jr., on behalf of the Masonic bodies of Parkersburg, to lay the corner stone. The Worshipful Grand Master responded with fitting remarks given below. The Grand Chaplain, Rev. Dudley Boomer, of this city, offered up prayer and a musical selection by the double quartette followed. While the band played softly to the tune of "Home, Sweet Home," the stone was lowered two feet, when it was stopped, when the Grand Honors were given once, by all the brethren, under the direction of Grand Marshal Dr. H. B. Stout, of this city. The stone was lowered another two feet, when the Grand Honors were given twice. The stone was then lowered into its place and the Grand Honors were given three times.

Following the formal ceremonies of the laying of the corner stone Hon. Lewis N. Tavenner was introduced and he delivered an address which was eagerly listened to by the Masons of different rank, and by the public gathered for the occasion with the closest interest, as he told in eloquent passages of the work of the construction that had been undertaken and had now reached the point when the Masons could gather to mark a stage in its building, and dwelling at some length on the virtues of the great order. His remarks are given below.

"Remember Now Thy Creator," was rendered by the double quartette and the exercises were concluded.

The local committee that had in charge the arrangements for the occasion which were so admirably carried out consisted of James A. Bryan, Robert S. Lemon, Charles A. Kreps, William Kramer and William H. Dunbar.

The Corner Stone.

The corner stone, which is of highly polished Tennessee marble is twenty-four by thirty inches in size. The inscription on the Market street front will be "Laid by Masonic Fraternity, W. T. Ice, Grand Master, May 12, A. D. 1915." On the Ninth street side the inscription will be as follows: "Board of Trustees—C. P. Morrison, Wm. T. Rittenhouse, R. J. A. Boreman, E. R. Patton, James A. Bryan."

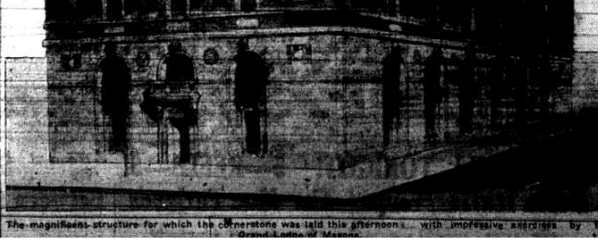
The box deposited in the corner stone is of heavy copper, ten inches wide.

Contents of Box.

Proceedings Grand Lodge West Virginia; Program Maunday Thursday Observance, Odell S. Long Chapter of Rose Croix, A. A. S. R., April 1, 1915; By-Laws of Mt. Olivet Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M.; Manual of Tactics Grand Commandery of West

(Continued on page 8.)

Masonic Temple



The magnificent structure for which the cornerstone was laid this afternoon, with impressive exercises by the

STATE OPTICIANS ADJOURN TODAY

ELECTION OF OFFICERS TAKEN UP THIS AFTERNOON AT THE CHANCELLOR.

ADDRESS GIVEN THIS MORNING BY J. L. BEARD, OF CHARLESTON.

The feature of the state meeting of the West Virginia Optical Society, now in session at the Chancellor this morning, was the address of Dr. John Lewis Beard, of Charleston, the prosecutor of the society. His subject was "The Status of Optometry as a Profession." His address was an interesting one, bearing on the various phases of the profession. Other events of the morning session were discussions of various topics that had been arranged for, and in which the opticians present took part.

Last evening an informal session was held following a smoker that night. The afternoon session was taken up in much the same manner with George C. Mead, of this city, presiding, in the absence of President Shahard, of Davis, who telegraphed that he could not be present yesterday.

Present at the convention are representatives of different manufacturers and jobbers, as follows: Willis Haines company, of Columbus, Ohio; the Ohio Optical Company, of Columbus, Ohio; Michael Wolfe, of New York, and the Southworth Company, of Troy, N. Y.

Among those present were O. E. Kerns, of Moundsville; Fred W. Bennett, of Shinnston; C. C. Wilson, of Salem; Grant Lersday, of Fairmont; W. C. Snyder, of Clarksburg; F. M. Glenn, of Parsons; O. V. Neal, of Parkersburg; O. H. Lively, of Huntington; N. S. Steele, of Morgantown; J. R. Floyd, of Harrisville; G. C. Mead, of Parkersburg; F. P. Small, of Martinsburg; A. B. Scott, of Fairmont; J. L. Beard, of Huntington.

President Zilliken, of the State Board of Optometry, who was expected here for an address this afternoon, did not arrive. Instead, several papers left over from the morning session were read and several topics discussed.

Clarksburg, Huntington and Charleston have asked for the next meeting. There is considerable sentiment in favor of holding the convention in a city and time different from that of the jewelers' convention, and it was expected that action looking to that end would be taken late this afternoon.

Officers were to be chosen this afternoon and there was considerable sentiment in favor of A. B. Scott, of Fairmont, for president. George C. Mead, of this city, was favorably mentioned by several of those present.

A legislative committee was to be named this afternoon.

FUNERAL OF FRANK L. SHIELDS.

The funeral of Frank L. Shields was held this morning and was largely attended, the many friends gathering at the home on Eighth street, where the services were held. The members of Parkersburg Lodge No. 108, B. P. O. Elks, of which Mr. Shields was a member, attending in a body, as they had charge of the funeral. The burial service was said at the grave, the members going to Mt. Olivet Lodge, where the interment was made, in special cars.

IMPROVING FROM OPERATION.

Miss Loretta Flaherty of Liberty street was operated on at the St. Joseph hospital for appendicitis. She is improving nicely.

Good Ideas For Summer Comfort

Own an Iceberg.
Go to the North Pole.
Invert Heatless Heat.
Put the sun out of business.
Invent a Mint Julep that can never be drunk Dry.
Wear Clothcraft Light Weight Clothing. Prices thermometer cool.

$10.00 TO $20.00

Nathan