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THE WEATHER.
Partly cloudy tonight and Friday;
somewhat colder; moderate shifting
winds.

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SIGNAL CORPS OFFICERS CALL AT CURTISS CO. Army Officials Mum About Visit but May Have to Do with Inquiry. MARSHALL AND COFFIN HERE Rumored Inquiry Committee Arrives but Whereabouts Has Not Been Uncovered.

Signal corps officers, the branch of the U. S. military establishment controlling airplanes, attracted widespread attention to the Curtiss Aeroplane & Motor Corporation today, when half a dozen officers arrived here to visit the plant and there were rumors the inquiry committee, H. Snowden Marshall, chairman, and Howard K. Coffin, chairman of the military board of the Council of National Defense, had come here today. The committee was in Dayton yesterday and was scheduled for Buffalo today. At the Curtiss plant it was said nothing had been heard of the inquiry committee. Major R. E. Wolff, Major H. C. Wray, Major O. Westover, Lieut. H. Bubb, W. S. Rice and J. Gillmore, who were in the signal corps party that took several visits at the Iroquois. There was no spokesman for the party for a newspaperman was as popular with the officers as a German gas bomb behind the American lines in France. They declined to state what the purpose of the visit was but they went out to the Curtiss plant immediately. It is understood they are here in connection with the information brought out about the aircraft production. Col. L. S. Horner was here yesterday and he said the inquiry was a mystery to him. However, the officers are standing on their military training as far as military news to a reporter, smiles being censured as well. James E. Henshaw, general manager of the plant, had his hands full today with the visitors for they were more numerous than ever at the plant and all of military standing. He was anxious to ascertain the whereabouts of the investigators who are here as well as other officials. Mr. Koppert went to the plant early today. Calls at the leading hotels failed to reveal the presence of Messrs. Marshall, Coffin and others.

Buffalo Movie King Is Called by Death



MITCHELL H. MARK.
Pioneer in the moving picture industry in Buffalo and one of the leading figures in the industry in the country, who died last night at his home, No. 527 Richmond Avenue. He was interested in four theaters in this city and in more than 30 in the United States and Canada. He was one of the first to insist on moving pictures of a high moral standard and the widespread use of movies for educational purposes today was in no small measure due to his efforts.

M. H. MARK'S SUDDEN DEATH SHOCKS CITY

Buffalo Moving Picture King Dies at Home After Illness of Only Few Days.

WAS A SELF-MADE MAN
Progressive Spirit Put Film Industry on High Plane and Gave City Beautiful Playhouses.

Mitchell H. Mark Buffalo's greatest moving picture magnate, esteemed citizen and self-made man, died last night at the family home at No. 527 Richmond Avenue at the age of 50 years. Death came as a great surprise to his friends and business acquaintances as few knew of his illness. He died after an illness of only two days. A finger infected from a cut is thought to have caused a blood clot to form on his brain, which produced paralysis. Born in Richmond, Va., 50 years ago. Mr. Mark early in life went to New York and became interested in the wholesale hat trade. He afterwards kept a retail hat store in this city at No. 77 Seneca Street. When the motion picture industry began to expand he gave up the hat business and went into the picture industry. He made an extensive study of the film drama and went to Europe to study the latest developments. While there he formed connections with Pathé Freres, and brought the first Pathé pictures to America. He was the first to organize a circuit of penny arcades and was the first to bring them to America. At a later date he became associated with the Odeon Film Company. He became an Exhibitor.

DR. W. L. KLUGHERZ OF BATAVIA ENDS LIFE BY HANGING

Body of Prominent Osteopath Discovered in Attic of His Home by Friends. HAD BEEN IN ILL HEALTH Recently Visited Mother in Buffalo—Practiced in Batavia for Many Years.

The Buffalo Times, March 21.—Dr. William Klugherz, 38 years old, prominent osteopath, ended his life by hanging in the attic of his home, No. 27 Summit Street, some time during the night. His body was found hanging from a rafter by two of his friends, Dr. L. J. Mulachy and Arthur J. Hough, who had been summoned by Dr. Klugherz's wife when she discovered her husband missing this morning. Dr. Klugherz suffered a nervous breakdown about six months ago and never fully recovered. He made several trips to various cities in an effort to regain his health. He returned to Batavia on Monday night after visiting his mother in Buffalo. He appeared in good spirits. Dr. Klugherz practiced in Batavia for several years and was a highly respected resident. Besides his wife and mother, he is survived by two sisters.

U. S. RED-CROSS MISSION SAFE

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, March 21.—The American Red Cross mission to Rumania which fled from Jassy to Odessa to escape the advancing German armies, has arrived safely at Ploewu, according to advices received here today. The party, headed by Henry W. Anderson of Richmond, Va., consists of 28 members, mostly physicians and nurses. The Queen of Rumania decorated members of the mission before their departure from Jassy, according to a cablegram dated March 21. The mission was received today by the State Department from Minister Vapicka. The Americans turned over all food supplies on hand to the Rumanian Red Cross.

Thompson Presents Sunday Movie Bill

ALBANY, March 21.—A Sunday movie bill was introduced in the legislature today by Senator George Thompson. The bill would provide that municipal authorities provide motion picture shows on Sunday under certain regulations. Senator Lewis of Brooklyn objected to advancement of the bill and it was referred to committee on codes.

Wild Scenes Occur in the Reichstag

By United Press Cable. ZURICH, March 21.—Wild scenes in the German Reichstag on Tuesday

Says Frank Got His Wife's Love

Three weeks before my wife

1718 Grand of Sowers 177 Schoenhet, 223 William Street.

11,827,572 TONS OF SHIPPING LOST SINCE WAR BEGAN

Secret Figures Revealed by the British Embassy to Impress Upon People Need of Action.

HUNS' CLAIMS EXAGGERATED
Net Loss to World Shipping is Slightly Over Two Million Tons by Seizure of Ships.

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, March 21.—Secret figures of the British admiralty on submarine losses and world shipbuilding were made public here today by the British embassy. They show that from both enemy action and marine risk on January 1, 1918, allied and neutral shipping had lost since the war began 11,827,572 gross tons, while ship yards outside of the Central Powers were turning out 6,604,274 tons. These figures, long withheld, are now made public, an admiralty memo says, because today they will not stimulate the enemy and because they will impress upon the people the necessity of united action in making good losses by submarines. With them goes an appeal to British builders to speed up their efforts by bringing more men and women to work on the task, and warning that the recent falling off in British production must not continue. German Claims Exaggerated.

In spite of the tremendous total of losses, they do not approach the claims of the Germans, and with 2,549,000 tons of enemy ships added to the output of the war period, the net loss to the world is slightly exclusive of that of Germany. The Allies in only 1,827,227. The maximum of losses was reached in the second quarter of 1917 after the unrestricted submarine warfare which drew the United States into the struggle was launched. That quarter, 2,355,000 tons of ships went down. Since then the total has been reduced until in the fourth quarter of 1917 it was 1,372,843. In the meantime, the shipbuilding output has curved upward. In the last quarter of 1917 it was 932,023 tons, and at that time the enormously increased facilities of the United States had not begun to get into action. Although warning against undue optimism, the admiralty statement says: "The results of the past year have shown the ability of our sea-men to get up terms with the submarine menace and gradually to gain the upper hand."

TROTZKY PLEADS FOR FORMING OF NEW RUSS ARMY

BY JOSEPH SHAPLEN. (United Press Staff Correspondent) PETROGRAD, March 20.—(Night)—War Minister Trotzky, addressing the Moscow Soviet today, received the wildest applause when he pleaded for immediate creation of a large Russian army.

LATEST WAR NEWS

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE. Wednesday, March 20.—American troops in the sector east of Luneville participated tonight in a raid on German trenches, penetrating the enemy lines for some distance. Hand to hand fighting ensued. The raid was carried out after about 40 minutes. Further details are unavailable at this hour (10 P. M.). The raid was carried out in conjunction with French troops, after a brief but intense barrage. The Germans retaliated with a heavy fire of gas and high explosive shells on the American batteries.

By Associated Press Cable. LONDON, March 21.—The Germans shortly before dawn this morning began a heavy bombardment over a wide section of the British front, it is announced officially.

By Associated Press Cable. LONDON, March 21.—The artillery action on the western front could be distinctly heard at Dover and other towns on the east coast of England. The door windows of the houses at Dover, for instance, were continuously shaken by the heavy concussion. The firing, which was the heaviest that has been heard in this district

Great German Shakes Building Bombardment

U. S. DESTROYER COLLIDES WITH BRITISH SHIP

By Associated Press. WASHINGTON, March 21.—One American officer and three men were killed aboard an American destroyer March 19th, when the vessel collided with a British warship, the Navy Department announced today. A number of American sailors were injured. The destroyer was the Manley. A depth charge on the Manley exploded when the vessels met. Both vessels were damaged. Lieutenant—Commander Richard McCall Elliot, Jr., was killed. His wife lives at No. 931 Park Ave., New York. The enlisted men killed were: Cecil Hall, Charleston, W. Va.; Bowdoin's Mack Lewis Cohen, No. 11 Rutger Place, New York City; Water Tender Charles Magoni, West Springfield, Mass. The following enlisted men were seriously injured: Edward Chester Landwehr, electrician, Elizabeth, N. J.; Charles Pierce, engineer, Lake Crystal, Minn.; Fred Richard Lawson, gunneryman, Orange, N. J.; Charles F. Dechene, seaman, Joplin, Mo.; Carl Cecil Russell, seaman, Stockton, Calif.; Richard R. Galtman, seaman, Troy, N. C.; Albert Wallace Cecil, Bremen, St. Louis, Mo. The following were slightly injured: Ralph H. Christie, yeoman, Salem, Mass.; John D. Mercer, fireman, Varmado, La.; Edward Henry Peters, seaman, New Haven, Conn.; Joseph F. Gumm, fireman, South Minneapolis, Minn.

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