

THE EUROPEAN WAR A YEAR AGO THIS WEEK

March 7, 1915. Germans started another drive in region of Pillica river. Austrians retreated in Bukovina. British drove Turks back from Persian gulf, both sides losing heavily. Venizelos, premier of Greece, resigned.

3,000 LIVES LOST ON CRUISER PROVENCE

Greatest Ocean Disaster of Modern Times.

4,000 TROOPS ON BOARD

Only 870 Saved—Loss Of Life Double That On Titanic—Cruiser On Way To Saloniki When Sunk In Mediterranean.

Paris.—It was announced at the French Ministry of Marine that there were nearly 4,000 men on board the French auxiliary cruiser Provence, which was sunk in the Mediterranean on February 26.

It was stated that on board the Provence were the staff of the Third Colonial Infantry Regiment, the Third Battalion, the Second Company of the First Battalion, the Second Machine Gun Company, and one extra company, in all nearly 4,000 men.

Only 870 Reported Saved.

As the Ministry of Marine on February 29 announced that the number of survivors of the Provence disaster was estimated at 870, it is indicated by the foregoing dispatch that approximately 3,130 lives were lost.

The loss of more than 3,000 lives in the sinking of the Provence is the greatest ocean disaster of modern times. Up to the present the largest number of lives ever lost in one wreck was when the White Star liner Titanic struck an iceberg off the Newfoundland banks on April 14, 1912, and sank with a death loss of 1,595. The rescued numbered 743.

The French Ministry of Marine had previously issued no statement as to the number of persons on the Provence when she went down. The vessel, however, when in the trans-Atlantic service could carry 1,560 persons, including the crew, and it has been presumed that, as she was transporting troops between ports not far apart, she was carrying a number of men larger than her normal capacity.

The official statement announcing the sinking of the Provence said: "The French auxiliary cruiser Provence II (so designated to distinguish her from the French battleship Provence), engaged in transporting troops to Saloniki, was sunk in the Mediterranean on February 26. Two hundred and ninety-six survivors have been brought to Malta and about 400 to Melos by French and British patrol vessels summoned by wireless.

"No signs of a submarine were noticed either before or after the sinking. La Provence was armed with five cannon of 14 centimetres, two of 57 millimetres and four of 47 millimetres.

Losses in Similar Disasters. Among the other great sea disasters, in addition to the Titanic, already mentioned, are: The Cunard Line steamship Lusitania, which was torpedoed by a German submarine and sunk off the head of Kinsale, Ireland, on May 7, 1915, with the loss of 1,206 lives.

The burning of the excursion steamship General Slocum in the East River, New York, June 15, 1904, when nearly 1,000 persons met their death.

The French line steamship La Bourgogne, sunk in collision with the steamship Cromartyshire, July 4, 1898, with the loss of 580 lives.

The Japanese liner Kiocker Maru, sunk off the coast of Japan, September 28, 1912, with the loss of 1,000 lives.

The Canadian-Pacific steamship Empress of Ireland, sunk in collision with the Danish collier Storstad in the St. Lawrence river, May 29, 1914, with the loss of more than 1,000 lives.

The burning of the Uranium line steamship Volturino in mid-ocean on October 9, 1912, with the loss of 136 lives.

THE COUNTRY AT LARGE

The budget of the city government of Chicago calls for \$71,000,000. The fight against flood waters in the district which includes Vicksburg, Miss., was regarded as practically ended.

G. W. Palmer, who was United States consul at the Island of Crete during the Civil War and had since held important government positions in this country, died at his home, in Plattsburg, N. Y.

Relief committees in Natchez and Vidalia, La., sent out by boats a small supply of provisions for relief of flood victims and their livestock in the Black River section, where assistance apparently is most urgently needed.

United States District Judge Arthur J. Tuttle, at Detroit, dismissed the petition of the Ann Arbor Railroad to restrain the Michigan Railroad Commission from forcing it to maintain a two-cent passenger rate and proportionate freight charges.

Mrs. Henrietta Williams, widow of General J. B. (Cerro Gordo) Williams, the Mexican war veteran, died in Mt. Sterling, Ky. During the Civil War Mrs. Williams fitted out a full company of Confederate infantry at her own expense.

THREE MOST POPULAR BOOKS THIS SEASON



CARMEN SYLVA, DOWAGER, DEAD

Queen Mother of Roumania Victim of Pneumonia.

FAMED BEAUTY AND POET

Deep Note of Sadness That Vibrated Through Her Life Echoed In Exquisite Creations of Her Poetical Genius.

BATTLE OF VERDUN LIKE A MASSACRE

German Troops Rush Pell Mell to Certain Death.

BOTH SIDES SUFFER MUCH

Following the Order To Advance, No Matter What the Sacrifice May Be, the Teutons Dash Into the Artillery Fire.

GEN. ARGUMENTO EXECUTED.

Credited With Being Leader of Factions Opposing Carranza.

JUDGE MAKES COUNTY "DRY."

Refuses Forty-Seven Liquor Licenses At Mercer, Pa.

CHEWING GUM FATAL TO BOY.

Lodges in the Intestines and Causes Brain Fever.

INDICATES U-27 SUNK.

British Admiralty Refuses Full Confirmation Of Report.

NEW ORLEANS MARDI GRAS ON.

Carnival Opens With Pageant and the Mornus Ball.

WILL RECALL ENVOYS.

Germany and Portugal Reported To Sever Diplomatic Relations.

CONGRESS LINES UP WITH PRESIDENT

The Gore Resolution is Swamped in Senate.

HOUSE ALSO IN LINE

House Committee Votes Confidence. Will Submit Report Declaring Against Interference With President.

Washington.—By a vote of 68 to 14 the Senate carried out President Wilson's wish and killed Senator Gore's resolution to warn Americans off armed belligerent ships.

In the House the Foreign Affairs Committee, by a vote of 17 to 2, took the same step toward meeting fully the President's wishes. It voted to report the McLemore warning resolution with the recommendation that it be tabled.

White House Pleased. At the White House satisfaction was expressed with the Senate's action.

SAILOR INHERITS \$100,000. Man in U. S. Service Will Serve Remainder Of Enlistment.

TRIBUNAL WOULD END WAR.

Ford Peace Body Issues Call For Neutral Conference.

TRIBUTE TO FIRST MRS. WILSON.

Atlanta, Ga.—A donation of \$1,000 from President Wilson to the Ellen Wilson Memorial, a fund being raised here for awarding scholarships to children in mountain sections of the South, was received by officers of the memorial.

SIX MINERS KILLED.

Many Others Said To Be Injured In Explosion In Mine.

ASKS NOBEL PRIZE FOR BRYAN.

Austrian Says Munitions Embargo Would Have Stopped War.

TWO ZEPPELINS RAID ENGLAND.

Pass Over Northeast Coast—Damage Done Not Stated.

GIRL SWALLOWS PIN.

Accident Occurs While She Is Hanging Curtains.

MILLIONS FOR NAVY YARD.

Committee Favors Appropriation Of \$2,065,000 For Puget Sound.

THE MOEWE SAFE IN GERMAN PORT

Captured Fifteen Ships and Sunk Most of Them.

REMARKABLE WAR EXPLOIT

Two Of Captured Vessels Named In Commander's Report Not Previously Reported—Through Lines Of British Patrol Ships.

Berlin.—Official announcement is made by the naval general staff that the German commerce raider Moeve returned to a German port. She had on board 199 prisoners and 1,000,000 marks in gold bars. The statement follows:

"The naval general staff states that H. M. S. Moeve, Commander Captain Burgrave Count Von Dohna-Schodden, after a successful cruise lasting several months, arrived at some home port with four British officers, 29 British marines and sailors, 166 men of crews of enemy steamers, among them 163 Indians, as prisoners, and 1,000,000 marks in gold bars.

"The vessel captured the following enemy steamers, the greater part of which were sunk and a small part of which were sent as prizes to neutral ports: The British steamers Corbridge, 2,687 tons; Author, 3,496 tons; Trader, 3,608 tons; Arindna, 3,295 tons; Dromby, 3,627 tons; Farrington, 2,146 tons; Clan MacLachlan, 5,816 tons; Appam, 7,781 tons; Westburn, 2,509 tons; Horace, 2,355 tons; Flamenco, 4,629 tons; Saxon Prince, 3,471 tons.

"The British sailing vessel Edinburgh, 1,473 tons. The French steamer Maroni, 3,169 tons. The Belgian steamer Luxembourg, 4,222 tons.

"At several points on enemy coast the Moeve also laid out mines to which, among others, the battleship King Edward VII fell victim."

Count von Dohna, the Moeve's commander, has been awarded the iron cross of the first class and the members of the crew have received the iron cross of the second class. Count von Dohna has been ordered to meet Emperor William at headquarters.

TUMULTY IS CAUSTIC.

Denies That President Wilson Has Any Intention Of Resigning.

Washington.—Aroused by the publication of reports that President Wilson, because of the strain of the foreign situation, was considering resigning from office, the White House today issued this formal statement: "When Secretary Tumulty's attention was called to the story appearing in certain papers that the President had resigned or was considering resigning, he said: 'An American newspaper that would publish a story of that kind in a situation like the one which now confronts America dishonors itself.'"

250,000 TONS SUGAR ON WAY.

Shipment From Hawaii To New York Valued At \$25,000,000.

Chicago.—The first trainload of what is said to be the largest trans-continental shipment of a single commodity ever made passed through Chicago Saturday. It was sugar from Hawaii. The entire consignment, most of which goes to New York refineries, weighs 250,000 tons, is valued at \$25,000,000 and the freight charges will be in the neighborhood of \$3,000,000. The entire consignment will require 6,000 freight cars, or 120 solid trains.

ASKS NOBEL PRIZE FOR BRYAN.

Zurich.—Dr. Alois Heiling, a prominent member of the Austrian Parliament, has addressed a letter to the Nobel committee at Stockholm, recommending that the Nobel peace prize for 1916 be awarded to William J. Bryan, for his endeavors to stop American export of munitions. Dr. Heiling writes that this would have already ended the war and brought about peace negotiations under the powerful aegis of America.

TWO ZEPPELINS RAID ENGLAND.

Pass Over Northeast Coast—Damage Done Not Stated.

GIRL SWALLOWS PIN.

Waynesboro, Pa.—Miss Nona Rodgers, 19-year-old daughter of Constable Irvin Rodgers, Rouseville, swallowed a pin Saturday while hanging curtains. The accident occurred when she tried to talk while holding the pin in her mouth. The pin was located in the girl's stomach by the use of X-rays by Dr. Croft, Waynesboro. It has not yet been removed.