



U. S. SHIP HOMEWARD BOUND FALLS VICTIM TO SUBMARINE OFF WEST COAST OF IRELAND

Liner, Built on Delaware, Is Hit by Torpedo in Sea Lanes Near Scene of Lusitania Tragedy—Bound for Delaware Breakwater After Voyage to Liverpool.

S. O. S. Signals Flashed by Damaged Vessel, Which Later Made for Liverpool Under Own Steam—Washington in Consternation Over Possible Consequences of Disaster, But Officials Are Reticent Until Responsibility Is Fixed

The liner Nebraska of American registry, flying the American flag and bound from Liverpool to the Delaware Breakwater, has been torpedoed off the Irish coast. United States Consul Skinner, at London, has officially notified the State Department of the disaster, which took place about 40 miles south by west of Fastnet Rock, near which the Lusitania went down. The president of the International Mercantile Marine has officially confirmed the torpedoing of the ship.

The fact that the Nebraska was torpedoed on the home route, even so possible a charge of carrying contraband could be made against her, intensifies the attack on the American liner with serious consequences.

Consternation was privately expressed in official circles in Washington at the torpedoing of the vessel, but the State Department would make no comment until responsibility for the attack had been fixed.

WASHINGTON, May 26. An official report that the American steamship Nebraska, bound from Liverpool to Delaware Breakwater, was torpedoed 40 miles west by south of Fastnet Rock, Ireland, was cabled to the State Department today by Consul General Skinner, at London.

Skinner's dispatch read: "Admiralty reports American steamer Nebraska, Liverpool for Delaware Breakwater, torpedoed 40 miles south by west of Fastnet. Crew in boats standing by. Weather fine. No direct report to the State Department officials are waiting for a direct report from Consul General Skinner, the nearest port in Fastnet Rock, before making any comment on the affair. The Lusitania was torpedoed about 50 miles east of Fastnet.

While Counselor Lansing and other State Department officials observed the rule of silence imposed by Secretary of State Bryan on cases involving serious international complications, it was recognized at once that the case presented grave possibilities.

It was indicated at the department that if the Nebraska was found to have been actually torpedoed and the responsibility placed on Germany, it would present the most serious violation of American neutrality yet committed by the Kaiser's Government.

Hitherto the German excuse for attacks such as that made upon the steamship Lusitania was that the shipment of contraband to the Allies must be prevented at all costs.

No such argument would apply, however, to an attack on a neutral vessel bound from a British port to the United States. It was stated. It is this phase of the matter which created the most anxiety in State Department circles when the news was received. The affair was regarded as ominous of German's attitude toward the protest made by President Wilson against her submarine warfare.

NEW YORK, May 26. The American-Hawallan Steamship Company gave out the following wireless dispatch from Captain John S. Green, of the steamship Nebraska, at 10 o'clock this morning: "Struck either mine or torpedo 45 miles west of Fastnet. No one injured. Water in lower hold. Am steaming to Liverpool."

NEBRASKA TORPEDOED. DECLARATION OF OWNERS LONDON, May 26.—Lloyd's Maritime Agency announced this afternoon that the American steamship Nebraska, bound from Liverpool to the United States, was torpedoed.

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THE WEATHER



It was clear yesterday and the Knights looked to their hearts' content without any climatic interference, so we suppose it was not another, that today is a misnomer. We could hardly expect it otherwise, however, for does not the weather show open tomorrow? This event is absolutely dependent upon the clear weather to the horizon west of the city, who in the world could expect to be clear? As for this town at large, it is slowly becoming a rival of Pittsburg when it comes to the horrid aspect of the atmosphere. If it gets much worse, each and every one of our citizens will have to be equipped with one of those new Mackay instruments that can tell through anything.

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity: Showers tonight and probably Thursday; clear tonight; moderate to fresh breeze to north today.

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ITALIANS DRIVE AUSTRIANS OUT OF TYROL PASS

Troops Cross Frontier in Three Offensives. Trent Objective, and Trieste Threatened.

General Cardona Reports Austrians Retire at Many Points Without Offering Serious Resistance—Adige and Brenta River Valleys Taken.

Three distinct offensives are being developed by Italy in its war against Austria. The first is the drive on Trieste, in which the Italian troops have taken several Austrian towns and are pushing forward rapidly on the important railway centre of Gradisca. The second is at the extreme northern boundary, in the Carnia Alps, where General Cardona, the Italian commander-in-chief, reports today that all the passes in the Cadore

AMERICAN STEAMSHIP NEBRASKAN, BLOWN UP OFF IRISH COAST

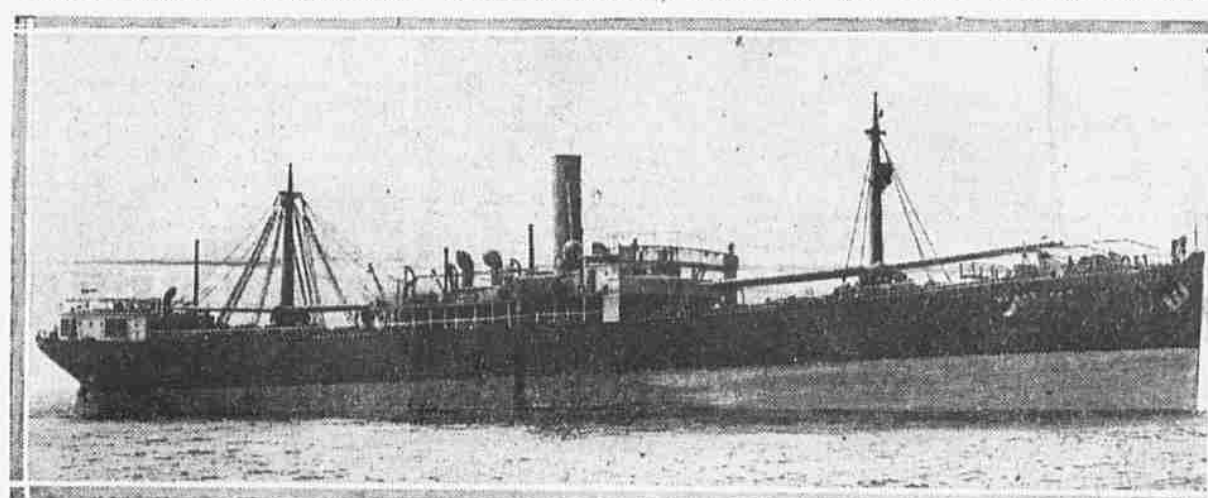


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All the frontier passes in the Cadore district have been captured by the Italians, who have occupied more towns in Austrian territory. The report of operations show that the Italians are moving forward along a front of about 60 miles. The Austrians thus far have not offered battle, continuing their retreat and destroying bridges to hamper the Italian army.

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ENDS MOTHER'S PAIN AND LIFE WITH DRUG, THEN DRUGS HERSELF

Woman Covers Aged Sufferer's Face With Chloroform Sponge in Episcopal Hospital While Nurse Cares for Other Patients

A middle-aged woman, who could not bear to see her aged mother suffering, shortened the aged woman's life by two hours at the Episcopal Hospital, according to physicians, by laying a bit of gauze saturated with chloroform over her face. She then went to a bench in an isolated spot in the grounds of the hospital and tried to end her own life by the same means.

The woman is Miss Bertha Kreiber, 43 years old, of 529 West Susquehanna avenue. She is now at her home under police surveillance. The mother was Mrs. Phoebe Kreiber, 38 years old. She had been in the hospital since March 25, paralyzed as the result of a hip fracture sustained in a fall down stairs.

For three nights, physicians at the hospital said, Miss Kreiber had been sitting wide-eyed at the bedside of her mother. The aged woman was near death. Physicians said yesterday she would die in a few days.

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LINER RYNDAM HIT BY TRAMP OFF U. S. COAST

Dutch Steamship With 238 Souls Aboard Is Badly Damaged in Collision.

Battleship Squadron Speeds to Rescue in Reply to S. O. S. Calls—South Carolina Arrives on Scene First and Takes Off Passengers.

BOSTON, May 26.—Thrilling scenes of rescue in the darkness of the night and a thick fog were enacted when the Holland-American liner Ryndam, which left New York for Rotterdam yesterday, was rammed by the Norwegian tramp freighter Joseph J. Cuneo, off Nantucket, at 3:30 o'clock this morning. The Ryndam was so badly damaged that orders were immediately given to launch the lifeboats

REVENUE CUTTER RUSHED TO AID OF STRICKEN LINER

WOODS HOLE, Mass., May 26.—The revenue cutter Acushnet hurried from here at top speed, cut through Vineyard Sound and headed for the open ocean to intercept the damaged liners Ryndam and Cuneo and their convoys and to make the rest of the trip with them. The revenue cutter is much more apt on the sea than the battleships, and in case the Ryndam suddenly began to sink it was thought that the Acushnet would be handy to pick up any one that may need help.

MRS. STUYVESANT FISH, SR., DIES

GARRISON, N. Y., May 26.—Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, Sr., the widely known society leader and wife of the former president of the Illinois Central Railway, died at her country home here today from hemorrhage of the brain. Mrs. Fish for many years had been a leader in American society, but, at the same time, a great deal of her attention was devoted to charity and philanthropy. Before her marriage to Stuyvesant Fish on June 1, 1876, she was Marion Graves Anthony.

BECKER AGAIN SENTENCED TO DIE IN ELECTRIC CHAIR

ALBANY, May 26.—Charles Becker, former police lieutenant in New York, today was sentenced to die in the electric chair some time in the week beginning July 12.

FIGHT FOR BECKER'S LIFE TO BE MADE IN SUPREME COURT

NEW YORK, May 26.—Though the Court of Appeals has ended the hope of ex-Lieutenant Charles Becker as far as the New York courts are concerned, his second conviction of the murder of Herman Rosenthal will be carried to the United States Supreme Court. It is possible that the fight to save the life of the former police official will not be ended for two years. It is the contention of Becker's attorney, Martin T. Manton, that the convicted man's constitutional rights were violated by the admission of improper evidence at his second trial. It is on this ground that the fight will be made before the United States Supreme Court. Becker himself is reported to be completely discouraged.

ATHLETICS-CLEVELAND GAME IS OFF

CLEVELAND, O., May 26.—Today's game between the Macks and Indians was called off at noon today on account of cold weather. The final contest of the series will be played tomorrow, after which the Athletics leave for Philadelphia.

GREEK KING'S CONDITION VERY GRAVE

ATHENS, May 26.—King Constantine of Greece continues extremely weak. An official bulletin issued today gave his temperature at 99.5 and his pulse at 96. Physicians do not conceal the gravity of his condition.

CRAZED MOTHER'S TRIPLE CRIME

NEW YORK, May 26.—During a fit of insanity, Mrs. Francis O'Neill, wife of a prosperous Brooklyn architect, strangled her young daughter, attempted to slay her son and then committed suicide by shooting in her home on Eastern Parkway today.

NINE MEN PERISH WHEN BARK IS WRECKED

FAYAL, May 26.—The French bark Eldart has been wrecked at Faya Grande. Nine men of her crew perished. Fourteen were saved. The ship was bound from New Caledonia to Glasgow.

WIDOW OF WRECK VICTIM GETS \$14,675 DAMAGES

NORRISTOWN, Pa., May 26.—For the death of her husband, Fred Simons, a Norristown reporter, who was killed by a Reading Railway train at Souderton October 15, when the automobile in which he and Washington party candidates were passengers, was struck by a train, his widow, Minnie Simons, was awarded \$14,675 damages by a court here.

LADS OFFER BAD DOLLAR FOR CANDY

Two little schoolboys were arrested today after offering a lead dollar to a storekeeper. They are Howard Kennedy, 14 years old, of 5523 Hunter's avenue, and Frederick Brehm, 13 years old, of 5533 Hunter's avenue, both pupils at the Hanna School, 58th and Media streets. The two boys tried to purchase candy at Howell's candy store, Alden and Media streets today. The school authorities and the police were notified and the boys were given into the custody of Commissioner Griffith, of the United States Secret Service, for a hearing at the Federal Building. They said a man gave them the coin.

FATHER KILLED, SON HURT, IN RUNAWAY

NORRISTOWN, Pa., May 26.—Charles Tarnetti was killed and a son was injured today in a runaway accident. Tarnetti, a milk dealer, was serving a customer when his horse ran away. He started after it and was run over in an effort to stop the animal. The boy was thrown out. His injuries are slight.

TWO BRITISH AIRMEN PLUNGE TO DEATH

HAZEBROUCK, France, May 26.—Explosion of a motor while they were reconnoitering high above the Allied lines today sent two British airmen plunging to earth in a stream of fire. Both men were so badly burned that they will die. Their aeroplane was destroyed.

LEHIGH VALLEY AWARDS \$600,000 CONTRACT

The Lehigh Valley Railroad Company has awarded contracts for rebuilding and strengthening 2000 box cars. The cars are of 60,000 pounds capacity each. The work is being done by the American Car and Foundry Company and the Standard Steel Car Company, and the estimated cost is \$600,000.

JURY FIXING CHARGE STIRS CAMDEN COURT; THEFT TRIAL HALTED

Judge Orders New Hearing When Prosecutor Says Jurors Were Approached in Interest of Former Probation Official.

Allegations of jury tampering in the interests of the defendant brought a sudden and sensational halt to the trial of J. Moore White, a former probation officer, for embezzlement in the Camden County court today. The trial was stopped before it was fairly begun, for not a witness had yet been examined when it was declared to the judge that an officer of the court had attempted to influence some of the jurors in favor of the accused former official.

Howard Trux, Assistant County Clerk, was just about to swear the panel when Prosecuting Attorney William J. Kraft stood up and petitioned Judge Swackhammer, of Gloucester City, who was presiding, to postpone the trial. He said that from information just brought to him he had reason to believe that a certain court officer had approached some of the panel and endeavored to argue them into giving a verdict for White.

The judge granted the petition. The charge is unprecedented in Camden.

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RE VITTORIO SI RECA A PRENDERE IL COMANDO DELLE SUE TRUPPE

Le Truppe del Generale Cadorna Avanzano Sulle Strade del Tonale, del Brenta e del Cadore Verso la Citta di Trento, Loro Obiettivo Principale.

Il Re Vittorio Emanuele e partito questa mattina per il Veneto per prendere il comando delle forze di terra operanti contro l'Austria.

Un comunicato ufficiale pubblicato a Roma questa mattina dice che le truppe italiane hanno occupato tutti i passi importanti che portano nel Trentino, aprendosi così la strada verso il campo trincerato di Trento, che e straordinariamente fortificato.

Lo stesso comunicato ufficiale dice che le forze italiane continuano la loro offensiva tra le vallate del Judrio e dell'Isoneo, sul confine orientale dell'Italia, verso la citta di Trieste e verso la strada di Lubiana. Ad eccezione di una parte del fronte di battaglia, e cioè nella regione della Carnia, dove si e avuto un violento combattimento e dove le truppe italiane hanno attaccato il nemico alla baionetta, sconferendo le truppe austriache e sono finora costantemente ritirate davanti alle truppe italiane, senza accettare o dar battaglia.

Un telegramma da Berlino ad un giornale di Amsterdam dice che un aeroplano italiano che compiva un volo di ricognizione sulle posizioni austriache e stato abbattuto dagli austriaci. Due ufficiali di Stato Maggiore che si trovavano nel aeroplano sono rimasti uccisi.

Lo stesso telegramma dice che gli italiani che avevano invaso l'Austria dal confine orientale sono giunti sino ad otto miglia da Gorizia.

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