

RUSSIAN VESSEL SENT TO BOTTOM; 18 LIVES LOST

Third Merchantman Torpedoed by Germans in New U-Boat War SUNK WITHOUT WARNING

LONDON, March 2.—On the first day of the new German order to torpedo merchantmen the Russian steamer Alexander Wentzel was sent to the bottom with a loss of 18 lives, according to dispatches received here today.

A dispatch from Havre says: The French mine sweeper Au Revoir was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine in the English Channel. All the members of the crew were saved. The Au Revoir was sweeping the lane of the British troop ships when attacked.

According to reports reaching London, the Russian ship, like the Thomab and the Malvina, was torpedoed without warning and all attempts being made to prevent loss of life.

The Alexander Wentzel was built in 1913 by Northern Steamship Company, rated by the ship's home port as Petrograd, but it had been plying between Cardiff and Archaigal.

Official reports to the Ministry of Marine today increased to 900 the total of survivors saved when the French auxiliary cruiser La Provence was sunk in the Mediterranean.

PARIS, March 2.—The naval expert of the Petit Parisien prints the theory that the submarine which destroyed the liner lay in wait for the ship far below the surface of the water and was guided in its movements by sound of the liner's propellers.

BRANDEIS COMMENDED FOR "JUDICIAL MIND"

Public Service and Democracy of President's Court Nominee Are Cited

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Louis D. Brandeis does have the judicial temperament, namely, a patient capacity to hear and understand both sides and an ability to reach wise and just conclusions, according to a statement placed before the Senate investigating committee today by more than 50 leading Americans.

It was filed by Newton D. Baker, former Mayor of Cleveland and president of the National Consumers' League. Excerpts are:

The fact that Mr. Brandeis has been successful in upholding laws to protect women in industry from excessive hours of employment and that these decisions have been made judicially precedents is a professional seal of the value of which scarcely can be overestimated.

GERMANS RENEW DRIVE IN WOEVRÉ WAR ZONE

LONDON, March 2.—The Rotterdam correspondent of the Daily Mail reported that the Kaiser left the Verdun front on Tuesday. The German offensive north of Verdun, which he had launched, the British command is opposed to continuing the offensive, and that the Crown Prince has been recalled to Berlin and supplanted by Duke Albrecht of Württemberg, as commander in the offensive.

STORMY DEBATE IN SENATE ON U-BOATS—HOUSE BALKS

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DANIELS AND U. S. NAVY PRAISED BY FLETCHER

"Equal to Any in World," Says Admiral—Points Out Its Needs

WASHINGTON, March 2.—A strong defense of Secretary Daniels and the efficiency of the navy, was made today by Admiral Fletcher, in command of the Atlantic fleet. The admiral's testimony that ships, men and guns were equal to any in the world, was followed with a request for more ships, especially battle cruisers to round out the fleet.

Admiral Fletcher's bill of endorsement of the navy, in substance, was: "Battleships and destroyers with Atlantic fleet in satisfactory condition, with few exceptions. Efficiency of men meets every requirement. No navy has better executives or more skilled officers. Men on battleships are the best in the country can produce."

Need fleet more constantly drilled or exercised or has more exacting requirements. The admiral's recommendations for improvement were: "There is little or no reserve force to man ships in reserve. Need battle cruisers, scouts, destroyers, air craft and aerial reserve are behind other countries. Fleet too small to assure protection of our interests."

Submarines of 800-ton type should be built, enabling them to go half way across the Atlantic remaining away from three to five weeks. Admiral Fletcher told of recent target practices of the Atlantic fleet at a range of 12,000 yards. Three of the 35 shots fired at a target 15 by 20 feet, with a ten-inch armor plate covering, pierced the plate completely.

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UNCLE SAM TO FULFILL PLEDGE TO 'MONITOR' HERO

Last Survivor of Historic Fight to Go Through Canal on Warship

WASHINGTON, March 2.—"Jim" Driscoll will get a ride through the Panama Canal for the part he took as a member of the Monitor's crew in sinking the Merrimack. Driscoll is the last man left of those who fought on the "Yankee Cheesecake" in the naval duel that changed sea warfare.

A week after the event the Monitor's crew, feted and honored in Washington, were promised "anything they wanted" by the Navy Department. "Jim" said the glory was enough then. Today Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt got a letter from Driscoll asking to go through the canal on a warship and recalling the 55-year-old promise.

SUNDAY FOR "BIG STICK" Evangelist Glorifies Church Militant in Baltimore Sermon

BALTIMORE, March 2.—Prophets who carried the "big stick" and the Church militant were glorified by "Billy" Sunday this afternoon at the tabernacle. "Jesus said 'I bring not peace, but a sword,'" quoted the revivalist, and struck the keynote of his talk.

He swung into the Sunday-school manner with this slashing litany: "Lord save us from the off-handed, fable-obsessed, brittle-kneed, weak-kneed, assified, three-carat Christianity. Despite the rain, thousands attended the meeting."

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BERNSTORFF MUST GO IF ANOTHER AMERICAN DIES, SAYS PRESIDENT

Wilson Reported to Have Told Congressmen He Has Determined Upon Such Action

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The President is said to have stated to more than one member of Congress called into council with him that in the event of the sinking of an armed belligerent merchantman upon which there may happen to be an American citizen, he will instantly send Ambassador von Bernstorff his passports.

Men versed in diplomatic affairs and cognizant of the subtle undercurrent of forces running through our foreign relations, agree that the suspension of diplomatic intercourse with Germany would bring the two nations close to war. Unconditional withdrawal of the new

U-boat order will, it is now believed, be the terms which the President will attach to the German note, as soon as an appendix to the German note are received. The President, it is believed, is convinced that any other stand would be tantamount to Germany and repudiation of international law.

Secretary Lansing is still waiting for the appendix to the German note, containing copies of the "secret orders," and until these arrive he will not announce his position. He already has been informed, however, of the contents of these appendices, and as yet has been unable to agree with the German contention that the secret orders are offensive in intention.

The United States is committed to the principle that merchant ships have the right to arm for defense. President Wilson has declared publicly that this right exists and Secretary Lansing has explained the basis of the right. It arises from the acknowledged right to protect private property from seizure by any enemy, whether belligerent or pirate, and is closely allied to the right to free, which is not even questioned by Germany.

4000 Granite Workers Quit Jobs QUINCY, Mass., March 2.—Nearly four thousand granite workers employed at quarries here and at other centers of the industry in this State and New Hampshire have struck because of failure to reach an agreement with manufacturers regarding wages.

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PENNSYLVANIA DELEGATION DIVIDED ON U-BOAT ISSUE

Half of 36 Members Favor Moderate Warning to Americans

By a Staff Correspondent WASHINGTON, March 2.—There is a difference of opinion among the members of the Pennsylvania delegation in Congress relative to the President's position in the U-boat issue, fully half of the 36 Pennsylvania Congressmen favor a modified warning.

Representative Henry W. Temple, of Washington, Pa., a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and considered one of the best-informed men upon questions of international law in the House, in explaining his views today, brought up the problem as to the course Germany might pursue in case this Government should issue an official warning to Americans to stay off armed ships of the belligerents. He said that in case such a warning was issued the Teutonic Powers would be in a position to say that the United States recognized the fact that the liners were armed ships and therefore, to be classed in the category of men-of-war and would insist that all ships entering United States ports be interned as such under the rules of international procedure in such cases.

Representative Stephen G. Porter, of Pittsburgh, the Pennsylvania member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, deprecates the position taken by the President in asking for a "show down" on the warning resolution by Congress. Mr. Porter said it was his judgment that the committee should refuse to report out any such resolution, and he believed that this was the sentiment of nearly every member of the committee, including the chairman. He contends that it is no matter for Congress to act upon and would precipitate a flood of discussion in Senate and House, which the membership, through patriotism, has refrained from entering into, despite the numerous opportunities afforded for oratorical efforts, by reason of the effect it might have on diplomatic negotiations.

"I believe the holders of a half billion of the Allies' bonds would like to have us insure their cause," he said. "Our whole welfare should not be placed in the hands of any one madcap American who might ship on an armed vessel." "It is a right that is a survival of piracy, but civilization abrogates brutal right," Gore continued. "Slavery was once a legal right. Every madcap American citizen has a legal right to risk his own life and engulf his nation in bloodshed. Every American has a right to be protected against becoming involved in this butchery."

"My only contention is that pending this struggle the legal rights should be withdrawn. We ought to say, as we would to a son or daughter, 'don't you go on an armed ship.'"

"If an American is killed, what consolation to his family in war?" CLAPP TAKES A HAND. "Your resolution doesn't withdraw the right of any American to travel, does it?" asked Clapp. "No, it urges Americans not to exercise it," answered Gore. "No; it just warns them if they exercise that right we'll withdraw our protection," exclaimed Senator Lodge.

The chamber was crowded during the debate, all Senators were present, and there were at least 100 visitors from the lower House standing.

Senator Barnard asked Gore if the resolution passed and 100 Americans were killed by a submarine, would the President refuse to take action?

Senator Gore replied that passage of his resolution would prevent just such a slaughter, by refusal of passports to Americans.

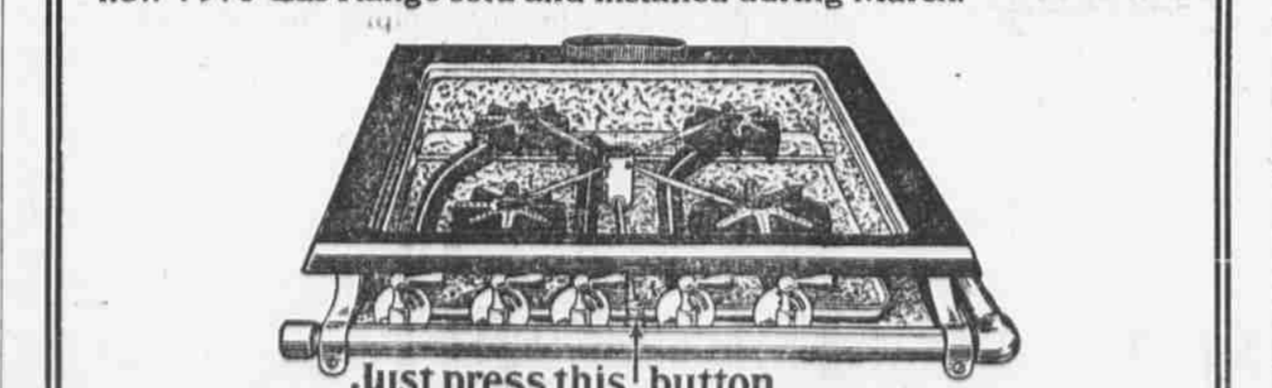
Senator Gore insisted his resolution was of the same principle as the ruling of the State Department refusing to issue pas-



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Harrisburg Woman Burns to Death HARRISBURG, March 2.—Mrs. Paul B. Watson, 21 years old, died this morning from burns received yesterday afternoon when her clothing took fire from a stove.