

GERMAN AIR RAIDERS KILL 12, INJURE 33, IN SWOOP OVER 8 ENGLISH COUNTIES

Three Zeppelins Drop Forty Bombs on Score of East Coast Towns

Women and Children Among Victims of Thirtieth Foray Upon Britain—One Shell Hit Block of Workingmen's Homes

Wife and Four Children in One Family Blown to Pieces, Husband Injured. Believe Raiders Sought to Learn Location of Great British Fleet of Dreadnoughts

LONDON, March 6.—Twelve persons were killed and 33 injured in Sunday night's Zeppelin raid over the northeast coast of England. It was officially announced today. The dead are three men, four women and five children. Three raiding airships dropped bombs on various and houses destroyed, one office, the public house and several shops partly destroyed. An almshouse was also damaged.

The eight counties include nearly the whole area of the northeast, east and southeast coasts. Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Essex and Kent are on the North Sea. Cambridgeshire, Rutland and Huntingdon are inland.

From the mouth of the Thames (the north border of Kent) to Yorkshire is approximately 160 miles. It is 130 miles from London to Yorkshire. The Zeppelins penetrated from 75 to 85 miles inland from the coast.

One Zeppelin hurled down bombs upon an area occupied by dwellings of workingmen, an entire block was demolished. A woman and four of her children, the eldest being only three years old, were killed in this district. The husband, injured when the house was demolished, is confined in a hospital, ignorant of the fate of his family.

In one of the houses wrecked by a bomb was an aged woman, an invalid, who had been confined to her bed for seven years. The house came tumbling down about her, but she was dug from the debris unharmed.

In a nearby house the bursting of a bomb set fire to a workman's dwelling. A little old man, about 80 years of age, was burned to death before rescuers could reach him.

After crossing the east coast, the Zeppelins started eastward, then they changed their bearings several times and finally circled about, evidently being uncertain of their bearings. Then they began hurling down both incendiary and explosive bombs.

At several places they were seen very plainly. One of the Zeppelins remained stationary over one town, raining down bombs until it had exhausted its supply. The German admiral is feeling with Zeppelins in an effort to locate the British Grand Fleet. This is the belief which exists in England today as a result of the queer maneuvers of the Zeppelins which took part in Sunday's raid over the northeast coast. The German balloons penetrated far to the north and followed a zig-zag course, which at times took them far over the sea.

It is believed to be the hope of the German Admiralty of locating the Grand Fleet and then attacking the dreadnoughts with torpedoes.

The whereabouts of the high seas fleet has been a mystery since the early days of the war. It is known that the coast is guarded by speedy cruisers and scouts and destroyers, but the great super-dreadnoughts and battle cruisers of the Home Fleet have been kept hidden. It is possible that they may be in well-protected harbors in the northern waters, but many think they are in the western waters. This supposition rests upon the fact that many merchant ships which have been captured were taken into port at Kirkwall, Orkney.

In extent of territory visited last night's Zeppelin raid on England was perhaps the greatest of the war. According to the London official statement, eight counties, from the east and northeast of London, were hit. The statement that both Essex and Kent were raided, indicates that the Zeppelins may have come very close to London itself.

Several large towns manufacturing war munitions lie within the counties mentioned in the London dispatch. The cities of Leeds, York, Hull, Lincoln and Cambridge are among the most important in the area covered by the Germans. Much of the war territory was visited by the six Zeppelins that raided England on the night of January 30, when 59 persons were killed and 161 injured.

THE WEATHER

Clear and effect rule this corner of the sky, as well as every other corner of the sky.

Forecast

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Clear, warm tonight and Tuesday; increasing southerly winds.

Three Zeppelins Sweep Eight English Counties

Three Zeppelins, taking separate courses, swept eight east coast counties of England.

Twelve persons—three men, four women and five children—killed and 33 injured.

This raid, which took place Sunday night, is the 30th made by the Germans since the first, which occurred on December 24, 1914.

The total number killed in the various raids is 234, the majority being women and children.

Owing to the erratic course pursued by the raiders, it is believed that their object was to seek out the whereabouts of the main British fleet with the plan of returning in force and attempting to drop bombs on the dreadnoughts.

ARMED SHIP BILL ON CALENDAR; TO VOTE TOMORROW

McLemore Warning Resolution, Clarks Says, Is Practically "Tabled"

BRYAN NOT INTERFERING

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Leaders in the House today are endeavoring to reach an agreement as to what action that body will take on the McLemore resolution, warning Americans off armed ships of the belligerents. The leaders, headed by Representative Kitchin, would like a vote on its merits of the proposition, Chairman Flood, of the Foreign Affairs Committee, however, declared today that he would oppose it.

"Our committee has recommended that the McLemore resolution be tabled and has asked that the Rules Committee report a resolution that will permit this," he said. "We will insist that this be done."

The House Rules Committee met this morning to frame the special rule bringing up the McLemore resolution; it was reported formal action would be postponed until tomorrow, just before the House convenes for the final vote.

Part of the House struggle over methods of handling the resolution was disposed of early in the afternoon session by Representative Foss, of Illinois, a Republican. He simply moved that it be placed on the calendar and Speaker Clark ordered this done.

Representative Gardner, (Rep., Mass.), previously had obtained from the Speaker the statement that the resolution was "technically" on the table.

This was taken to mean that tabling the resolution will end requests for a disposition of the entire problem "on its merits."

SHOWDOWN TOMORROW

Three important developments today shaped this Government's future handling of the German submarine issue.

Plans were practically completed in the House for the showdown vote tomorrow, desired by President Wilson, to take up Representative McLemore's warning resolution.

The appendices to the German decree against armed merchantmen, photographs of alleged secret British orders to merchantmen to attack submarines, were to arrive at the State Department.

Another submarine influence in the intricate and delicate situation was the presence of former Secretary of State Bryan. Bryan's friends vigorously denied he would openly and actively oppose the resolution in the dispute with Congress.

Bryan will not be here when the House's vote is taken tomorrow. He leaves this afternoon to make a night address at Wilmington, Del., and will then go West on a lecture tour. Bryan himself insisted that he would not interfere in the Congress dispute.

Although denying that the appearance of Bryan would be a factor in the decision, it is believed that the appearance of Bryan will be a factor in the decision.

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SHIPPING MEN OPPOSE INCREASE IN CHARGES

Protest Against Remedy Proposed for Ending of Freight Embargo

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Representatives of various shipping interests of the country, in conference today as a prelude to their appearance with railroad men before the Interstate Commerce Commission on traffic congestion in Philadelphia, New York and other Atlantic coast ports, voted against increases in track and warehouse storage charges as a remedy.

Separate conferences were held by the shippers and railroad men, following a brief hearing before the Commission. Howard Elliott, president of the New Haven road, was the only speaker at the hearing prior to adjournment for the two conferences to outline the hearing and select speakers. R. H. Large represented the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Continuation of an embargo was the remedy suggested by Mr. Elliott. He declared the New Haven has \$3,000 cars waiting to be unloaded, but added that only 5 per cent of his road's traffic was in war munitions, indicating that it is other trade that is suffering.

R. M. Parker, of Brooklyn, speaking at the conference of shippers, declared much of the trouble to be due to abuse of demurrage privileges on public sidings by shippers ordering more cars than they can handle or otherwise handle. His view was attacked by other speakers, who insisted that the first duty of a railroad is service, and that all shippers should not suffer discrimination for the sake of a few.

The conference then adopted a resolution to oppose any attempt of the railroads to increase storage charges as a possible solution of the congestion.

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The strike, one day old, has resulted in considerable inconvenience, little violence and endless conferences. The two traction companies involved are operating about half the usual number of cars by use of \$25 bonuses and other special inducements, but 1500 carmen are striking, and it is estimated 10,000 or 20,000 persons accustomed to riding are walking.

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NEW SECRETARY OF WAR



NEWTON D. BAKER

TEUTONS HALT ATTACKS UPON VERDUN LINES

Paris Reports Infantry Has Ceased Assaults—Big Artillery Duel On

SHELL GERMAN TRAINS

PARIS, March 6.—Violent artillery duels were fought during the night in the Verdun region, but there was no infantry engagement, according to the official communique issued by the French War Office this afternoon. The artillery fire was particularly violent on the west bank of the Meuse.

French batteries also bombarded the German points of passage.

In the Argonne, French guns also bombarded different points in Chippuy forest and the Avocourt-Malacourt road.

The text of the communique follows: "In the Argonne we bombarded different points in Chippuy forest and the Avocourt-Malacourt road."

No infantry action was reported during the night. There was a violent artillery on the left bank of the Meuse, and only intermittent cannonade in the sector to the west of Douaumont and in the Woëvre region. Our batteries actively shelled the enemy's points of passage.

"The night was calm on the rest of the front."

BERLIN, March 6.—The region northeast of Verdun, between La Bassee and Arras, has been the scene of lively mining duels and also attacks by the English, says the official report of the German War Office issued today.

The British attacks were repulsed. North of Verdun there has been no more infantry fighting of importance.

On Saturday and Sunday, during minor engagements, east of the Meuse, the Germans took 14 officers and 934 men of the rank and file.

The following is the text of the official statement:

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1500 Demand Wage Changes. Poorly Equipped for Holdout

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TRANSIT LOAN BILL'S DEFEAT MAY BE URGED

Threat to Beat Measure to Be Held as Club Over Administration

BITTER FIGHT PLANNED

Protest Meetings to Fight Transit Program Changes

TODAY.

Transportation Committee of the United Business Men's Association, 4 p. m.

TONIGHT.

Walnut Street Business Association.

Northwest Business Men's Association.

Chester Avenue Business Men's Association.

TOMORROW NIGHT.

Allied Business Men's Association of West Philadelphia, meeting jointly with Councilmanic Association of West Philadelphia.

South Street Business Men's Association, Board of Directors.

Business Men's Association of Germantown, Board of Directors.

Frankford Board of Trade.

Woodland Avenue Business Men's Association.

An open threat to defeat the \$35,000,000 transit loan at the polls on May 16, backed up by an organized movement to line up the voters in every ward in the city, is the club which will be held over the heads of Mayor Smith and the administration leaders during the impending transit fight.

The modification of the Twining plan to benefit the outlying sections of the city, according to the recommendations of former Transit Director Taylor, or the defeat of the transit loan at the hands of the voters of the city, are the two alternatives which will be offered the administration leaders. Business and civic organizations, led by the All-Philadelphia Rapid Transit Association, confident that they will be able to bring up an overwhelming majority against the Twining changes at the May primary, have outlined this as their plan of campaign.

The first step will be taken today, when an amendment to the \$36,000,000 loan bill, providing for the separation of the \$35,000,000 transit item from the remainder of the loan, will be drafted under the direction of the All-Philadelphia Rapid Transit League. The amendment will be introduced at the next meeting of Councils.

The division of the municipal loan bill now before Councils into two separate bills, the general program of city improvements will not be jeopardized by the transit fight, Common Councilman William

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HIGHEST COURT CALLS LICENSING OF TRADING STAMP FIRMS LEGAL

Florida Law Affecting Similar Statutes in Twenty Other States Upheld in Decision

COMPANIES LOSE FIGHT

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Companies giving trading stamps or similar coupons with purchases have lost their fight against the Florida licensing law. The law was upheld in the Supreme Court here today. This was regarded as a test case and its results will affect similar laws in 20 other States.

The Florida law assessed a State license fee for companies using trading stamps and an added county license fee of \$250 in each county where a store was located. The companies declared this was confiscatory, discriminatory and in violation of the 14th amendment.

The lower court granted a permanent injunction against the State licensing act and from this the State officials appealed.

Companies capitalized at many millions of dollars and chains of stores using stamps and coupons were deeply concerned in the case.

Other States which have been watching this case are now expected to pass legislation which will more completely restrict the territory in which trading stamp companies may now carry on the business, as the decision gives State legislators the power to prevent the issuance of profit-sharing coupons of all kinds.

SNOW, IN A SWIRLING STORM, COVERS EARTH

Double - Crosses Bewildered Weatherman, Who Looked for Rain

Heavy snow that literally poured out of the sky descended upon the city shortly after 1 o'clock today, piling thickly over street and roof.

Nine hundred men of the Bureau of Highways were sent out at 1 o'clock, armed with brooms and shovels, to keep the crossings in the central part of the city clear. The fleet of snowplows was put in readiness to go out on a moment's notice, and the entire force of men was notified to be prepared. Sweepers were sent out over the routes of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company to clear the tracks.

Even the weather man was surprised when the big flakes began to fall. When he recovered from his astonishment he said he expected the snow to continue until tonight. The prediction had been rain tonight and tomorrow, with rising temperatures; rain or snow in south Jersey and northern Pennsylvania. But the east wind, which he expected to shift to south this afternoon, bringing rain and warmer weather, "double-crossed" him by continuing to blow from the east, bringing snow. As soon as the wind shifts, he says, the snow will turn to rain.

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QUICK NEWS

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NICHOLSON ASSAILS HIGH-PRICED CHOIRS

Evangelist William P. Nicholson, who is conducting a revival in Darby, today scored the employment of high-priced choirs and other entertainment means of getting people to attend church, while addressing the Congregational ministers of Philadelphia and vicinity in the Central Branch Y. M. C. A.

LAPLAND DODGED U-BOATS BY DEVIOUS ROUTE

NEW YORK, March 6.—Scared by severe gales, the White Star liner Lapland reached port today from Liverpool with 236 passengers on board. The liner was put through complicated maneuvers to avoid German submarines, and it is reported that she went north of Ireland instead of following the regular steamer lanes south of Ireland, but the officers refused to say so. A double watch of 12 men was stationed in the bow of the ship while in the danger zone. No wireless messages were sent during the voyage.

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MEXICANS CARRY TYPHUS TO EL PASO, TEXAS

EL PASO, Tex., March 6.—Three Mexicans found to be suffering from typhus were isolated today while the authorities were conducting a rigid search for other cases. The patients now under observation recently came from Mexico.

U. S. FAILS TO GET RELEASE OF SAN MARINO CITIZENS

SAN MARINO, Republic of San Marino, March 6.—Efforts made by Ambassador Penfield, the American envoy at Vienna, to obtain the release of citizens of San Marino arrested in Austria have failed. It was announced today at a meeting of the Council of the Republic. A telegram from the Ambassador stated that Austria had refused to release the prisoners, on the ground that San Marino had grossly violated its neutrality by assisting Italy.

READING RAISES PUDDLERS' WAGES

READING, Pa., March 6.—The promised raise in the wages of puddlers of the Reading Iron Company went into effect at the company's mills here today, the increase being from \$4.75 to \$5 a ton. It is said that a similar increase will be made at the company's plant at Danville, Pa.

ITALIAN TAX BURDEN CAUSES UNREST

GENEVA, March 6.—There is considerable unrest in Italy over the tax burden, which is getting heavier and heavier, say travelers who have just arrived from Rome. Since October, 1914, more than \$80,000,000 fresh taxation has been imposed. Prices for the necessities of life are steadily rising.

DENIES INTERNMENT OF AMERICANS AT SOFIA

WASHINGTON, March 6.—The State Department was notified today that reports of the internment at Sofia, Bulgaria, of Mrs. Walter Farwell, a Chicago newspaper woman; Dr. Harry Forbes and a Miss Mitchell, all Americans, were untrue. Special Agent Einstein, who was detailed to make an investigation, reported that the Americans were free to go any time.

BRITISH STEAMSHIP SUNK IN MEDITERRANEAN

LONDON, March 6.—The British steamship Masunda, 4522 tons, has been sunk, presumably by a submarine in the Mediterranean. All on board, including a number of passengers, were saved. The announcement of the loss of the vessel gave no details, but it was reported this afternoon that there were no Americans on the Masunda, which sailed from Bangkok on January 28. Its route lay through the Suez and the Mediterranean. The Masunda was built in 1909. It was 402 feet long and 52 feet wide. The steamer's home port was Glasgow.

EXPLOSION DESTROYS TURKISH MUNITIONS PLANT

ATHENS, March 6.—A large Turkish ammunition factory, built in the Palestine village which occupies the site of the ancient city of Samaria, was destroyed by an explosion Sunday, according to advices from Constantinople. Many were killed, some of the victims being burned in the ruins.

CRUDE OIL PRICE ADVANCED 10 CENTS A BARREL

PITTSBURGH, March 6.—The Joseph Seep Purchasing Agency today announced an advance of ten cents a barrel in the price of Pennsylvania crude oil to \$2.50. This is the highest price at which this grade has sold in a number of years. Other grades of Eastern crude oil were raised proportionately.

PORTUGAL PREPARES FOR WAR DEFENSE

LISBON, March 6.—In expectation of war with Germany, the Portuguese Government has adopted strong defensive measures. Lights in the harbors and in the vicinity of dangerous reefs are forbidden at night to prevent the entrance of enemy vessels. All the Portuguese warships are closely guarded to make submarine attacks futile.

ITALIAN SHIP TORPEDOED WITHOUT WARNING

PARIS, March 6.—The Italian steamship Glava, torpedoed by an Austrian submarine, was sunk without warning, according to survivors of the crew who arrived at Piraeus on the British steamer Trevelyan on March 1, at Havana dispatch from Athens today. The rescued men said that the submarine, flying the Austrian flag, was met 130 miles from Cape Mattapan while the Glava was en route from Leghorn, Italy, to Greek ports. While the submarine gave no warning and did not visit the freighter, they stated, passengers and crew were allowed to leave in three boats, which, after being rowed for five hours, met the Trevelyan.

POLICE CHARGE COLOGNE RIOTERS, LONDON HEARS

LONDON, March 6.—Food riots occurred Saturday in the market place of Cologne, travelers arriving at Bern, Switzerland, report. They were started by women, who made violent demonstrations in protest against the high prices. Police charged the mobs, wounding a number of persons.

POLES APPEAL FOR POPE'S AID

ROME, March 6.—The Polish bishops have appealed confidentially to the Pope to defend Poland's unity, they say, both Germany's proposed autonomy, which practically amounts to a protectorate, and Austria's intended annexation, which has the exclusive purpose of raising troops. Hence the Pope is urged to use his influence with the Kaiser and with Emperor Francis Joseph to help Poland's fate held in abeyance until peace is declared, when it can be settled at a conference.

ARGENTINA FACES COAL FAMINE

BUENOS AIRES, March 6.—The scarcity of coal is becoming a serious problem in Argentina and Uruguay. A delegation of the Shipping Association called on President Plaza and asked co-operation of the Government. Meanwhile several railway lines have begun to use wood. The scarcity of coal is due principally to lack of adequate tonnage to bring it here. The price of wood has risen sharply.

KRUPP GUNS SOLD TO FOES, LIEBKNECHT CHARGES

LONDON, March 6.—A speech made before the Prussian Diet by Dr. Karl Liebknecht, Socialist leader, is given in a dispatch from Reuters' correspondent at Amsterdam. He is quoted as saying: "One member of the Liebknecht family is in prison for having placed his copper mines at the disposal of the Russians. You all know how capitalists are internationally related, especially as regards the armament industry. German soldiers have been killed by guns supplied by the Krupps."