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Prof. and Mrs. Mark Baldwin and Daughter Safe in Boulogne—Eleven Men of Former Atlantic Transport Liner Minneapolis Reported Drowned in Mediterranean



MISS ELIZABETH BALDWIN Bryn Mawr graduate, who was a passenger on the Sussex, sunk in the English Channel. She was unconscious when rescued by a French steamer. She was accompanied by her parents, Professor and Mrs. James M. Baldwin, of Baltimore.

German submarines have sunk five Allied merchantmen in the last 24 hours. Heavy loss of life is feared. A French transport, carrying troops from Salonica, was sunk by a mine shortly after leaving port, and only 73 persons were saved, according to a dispatch received in Berlin from Athens.

Tension in Washington over the attacks on the Channel packet Sussex and the British steamship Englishman, with a loss of one American life on the latter vessel, has reached a point where many officials say a break with the Central Powers would cause no surprise.

The death list of the Sussex disaster is placed at 96 by the American Embassy at London. Cable messages from the Embassy this afternoon say no Americans perished.

Many of the American survivors assert that the Sussex was attacked without warning and torpedoed. A coroner's jury at Dover returned a verdict today that the Sussex was "struck by an enemy torpedo."

Prof. J. M. Baldwin, his wife and daughter, of Baltimore, were stricken from the list of missing when word was received in London that they were safe.

LONDON, March 27.—Ninety-six persons are missing as a result of the blowing up of the Channel liner Sussex off the French coast on Friday, according to revised official lists issued today in both London and Paris.

Several Americans were seriously injured, but no American lives were lost in the disaster, the American Embassy announced this afternoon.

Miss Calliope Fennell, of New York, who was missing, has been located in Paris. The missing American woman is Mrs. C. A. Fennell, of New York.

More than half a dozen of the American survivors have sworn to affidavits at the United States Embassy declaring their belief that the ship was torpedoed by a submarine.

Fear for the safety of Professor and Mrs. Mark Baldwin and their daughter, Miss Elizabeth, were set at rest by a telegram from Boulogne saying that all had been handed on the French coast.

The erroneous report was circulated in the confusion on Saturday that Elizabeth Baldwin had died from her injuries. Miss Baldwin was wounded, but is in no danger of death, the Boulogne dispatch asserts.

Miss Gertrude Barnes, of New York, is also safe. She had been listed as missing on Sunday.

NO ONE SAW SUBMARINE. Most of the Americans who swore that the ship was attacked by a submarine based their information upon statements made by the captain and other officers of the vessel that they had seen the wake of a torpedo. No one saw the submarine and no warning of any kind was given, it was said.

British newspapers, accepting the submarine story as true, comment upon the incident with bitter editorials today. The press, almost as a whole, expresses the

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THE WEATHER Speaking of anger as alienating the mind from prayer, Jeremy Taylor, bishop of Ely, who died 249 years ago, once wrote: "For so have I seen a lark rising from his bed of grass and soaring upward, singing as he rises, and hopes to get to heaven, and climb above the clouds; but the poor bird was beaten back with the loud sighing of an eastern wind and his motion made irregular and inconstant, descending more at every breath of the tempest than it could recover by the liberation and frequent weighing of his wings; till the little creature was forced to sit down and pant, and stay till the storm was over; and then it made a prosperous flight, and did rise and sing, as if it had learned music and motion from an angel, as he passed sometimes through the air, about his ministering here below." So is the prayer of a good man.

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Rain tonight and probably Tuesday; somewhat colder Tuesday; moderate northeast to north winds.

For details see page 15.

LOST AND FOUND WATCH—Lost gold-filled gentleman's watch, one face, with initials R. C. H. between two faces at Chester, Pa. Found at 11th St. Station, near 12th St. Reward if returned to R. C. Harris, 1101 E. 12th St.

MOVIE CENSORS CUT OUT CRITICISM DIRECTED AGAINST THEM



MOVING picture concerns will display cartoons similar to the above in their campaign against the unjust powers which, they assert, the State Board of Censorship has assumed. But the censors have also censored these cartoons, thus intruding, it is charged, upon the domain of politics, whereas they were empowered to pass only upon morals.

MOVIE CENSORS PLAY POLITICS; WILL BE SUED

Cutting of Animated Cartoon Declared to Be Breach of Law

ACT CALLED FLAGRANT

Movie Men's Case Against the Censor

Moving Picture Board of Trade of America will institute legal proceedings against Pennsylvania State Board of Censors because board eliminated subtitle of political import from animated cartoon. Subtitle cut by the censors reads: "Political censorship of moving pictures is becoming so serious as to threaten to ruin the whole industry. If you believe in the freedom of the screen, just as you believe in the freedom of the press, won't you write your Congressman, your State Representative and your Mayor and demand a free screen?"

The Moving Picture Board of Trade of America, aroused by what it terms a virtually flagrant instance of political censorship of moving pictures by the Pennsylvania State Board of Censors, will start legal proceedings against the State board.

DEATH OF CAMDEN MAN KEPT FROM DYING WIFE

Camden Woman's Children Seek to Hold Dreadful News From Mother

Mrs. Frank Bryer, 68 years old, of 412 Mickle street, Camden, is dying today from pneumonia in an upstairs bedroom in her home. Ignorant that her aged husband succumbed to the same disease last Friday, and that arrangements have been completed for his funeral.

Fatally Injured by Machinery

Israel Fravel, 88 years old, 315 Pearl street, Camden, is dying in the Cooper Hospital from injuries sustained today when he was drawn into some machinery at the plant of the Mathis Yacht Building Company, at the foot of Pine street, Camden. Fravel's clothing became entangled in the shafting and in a second he was pulled against swiftly moving machinery. He suffered a probable fracture of the spine, three broken ribs and internal injuries.

QUADRUPLETS FOLLOW TWINS; FATHER ASKS FOR A RAISE

Chadds Ford Couple's Three Girls and Boy All Well

William Pasco, teamster for the S. C. Walker Company, at Chadds Ford, Delaware County, applied for a raise in pay at the opening of the firm's office today, and gave as his reason the birth of quadruplets at his home.

3000 MORE U. S. TROOPS RUSHED INTO VILLA HUNT

New Force Now at Border Ready for Dash Into Mexico

OUTLAWS IN FLIGHT

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WANTS CHARGE DROPPED

Convict Who Escaped From Camden Jail Seeks Clemency

William J. Brown, alias William J. Gillespie, who made a sensational escape from the Camden County Jail in Camden, July 18, 1916, has written to the New Jersey State Board of Pardons, asking that the charges against him in Camden be dropped. He states that his reformation is complete.

GERMANS CHECK SLAV OFFENSIVE SOUTH OF RIGA

Berlin Asserts Russian Losses Are Tremendous. Attacks Fail to Gain

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GERMAN AIR FLEET ATTACKS SALONICA

Greek Soldiers and Civilians Killed—Fail in Raid on Fleet in Harbor

SALONICA, March 27.—In retaliation for the attack on German camps north of the Greek frontier by a squadron of French aeroplanes on Saturday, seven German aviators today bombed Salonica.

Four Greek soldiers and a number of civilians were killed by bombs and several houses were destroyed, but little damage was inflicted on the Anglo-French military stores.

The German aviators attempted to fly over the Allied fleet in the harbor, but the warships opened fire upon the attacking squadron and it was compelled to retire.

LONDON, March 27.—A Renter dispatch from Salonica reports that the largest ammunition depot in central Bulgaria was blown up Sunday. Thirty men were killed and 100 wounded.

QUICK NEWS

U. S. AEROPLANES DESTROYED IN MEXICO WASHINGTON, March 27.—Two of the American aeroplanes engaged in scouting in the expedition to get Pancho Villa had been destroyed in Mexico. Four others have been disabled, leaving but two in service.

FINANCE COMMITTEE SAYS CITY WON'T PAY FOR BONDS The first item stricken from the \$86,800,000 loan by Councils' Finance Committee today was \$25, for the bond of Superintendent Robinson, included in the Department of Public Safety's budget. The city will not pay for bonds, it was decided on motion of Select Councilman Charles Seger, of the 7th Ward.

COMMON PLEAS UPHELD BY SUPERIOR COURT The State Supreme Court in an opinion by Justice Frazer today upheld the right of the Common Pleas Courts to commit for contempt any person who refuses to obey an order of court made to prevent continuance of acts contrary to law. The decision was handed down in habeas corpus proceedings brought by Christian Lieberum, who was sent to prison because he refused to obey an order of an Allegheny County Court to remove a building.

FIREBUG SOUGHT FOR BLAZE IN CARGO AT BOSTON BOSTON, March 27.—A fire believed to have been caused by an incendiary's bomb was discovered in the after hold of the British steamship City of Naples, from Calcutta, while a million-dollar East Indian cargo was being unloaded at the Mystic docks. John F. Cusick, manager of the American-Indian Line, charterers of the City of Naples, said that \$200,000 is a conservative estimate of the damage caused to the cargo by the fire.

TAGGART TAKES SENATORIAL OATH WASHINGTON, March 27.—Tom Taggart, spick, span and smiling, today was sworn in as United States Senator from Indiana, succeeding the late Senator Shively. His wife and daughter, Miss Lucy Taggart, who is studying art in New York, sat in the Vice President's gallery with Mrs. Marshall while Taggart, escorted by Senator Kern, was taking the oath. Later Vice President Marshall gave a luncheon for the new Senator. Taggart, although not strictly entitled, was invited to the Senate Democratic caucus today.

SCARLET FEVER GERM FOUND, DOCTORS SAY BOSTON, March 27.—The germ of scarlet fever, long one of the great puzzles of medical science and hunted by bacteriologists for many years, is said to have been found by two Boston doctors, Dr. F. B. Mallory, pathologist at the Boston City Hospital, and his assistant, Dr. E. M. Medlar. Their statement that they have found the germ ends two years of toil by the two doctors. Efforts are being made to prepare an antitoxin.

LITERACY CLAUSE RETAINED BY THE HOUSE WASHINGTON, March 27.—By a vote of 225 to 82, the House today decided to retain in the Burnett immigration bill the literacy clause that is expected to result in the President vetoing it—a requirement that all immigrants must be able to read and write in their own language. The vote was taken in committee of the whole on a motion by Representative Sabath, of Illinois, to strike out the clause. By rising vote the motion was defeated, 209 to 74, and on teller's count by the even larger vote.

TURKS DENY BRITISH CLAIM OF SUCCESS ON TIGRIS CONSTANTINOPLE, March 27.—The Turkish War Office today issued an official denial of the British announcement of February 29 that General Aximer had shelled Turkish positions on the Tigris River and inflicted heavy losses on the Ottoman troops in Mesopotamia.

The following report on recent operations was also issued by the War Office: "The situation on the Irak front (Mesopotamia) is unchanged. On the Caucasian front, reconnoitering forces of the enemy made an attack on March 25. We inflicted severe losses. On the Dardanelles front Turkish coast batteries repulsed enemy divers."

TURKS ORDERED TO QUIT ASIA MINOR BASE ATHENS, March 27.—Greek newspapers report that Turkish troops have been ordered to prepare to evacuate Konia, the town in Asia Minor which has been used as a supply base for the Ottoman forces in Mesopotamia and Palestine.

GERMAN MUNITIONS SEIZED AT SHANGHAI SHANGHAI, China, March 27.—Twenty-six cases containing 390 shells and 99,900 pistol cartridges being conveyed from the international settlement in the direction of the Kiangnan Arsenal have been seized by the police. A protest against the seizure was made by two Germans, who produced a document sealed by the Minister of Marine, but as they had no municipal permit the document was invalid. The Shanghai authorities cannot proceed against foreigners implicated in illicit trading in arms without the consent of their consulate, which is not expected.

APRIL 14 AND 28 SPRING ARBOR DAYS In a formal proclamation issued today at Harrisburg Governor Brumbaugh sets aside Friday, April 14, and Friday, April 28, as spring arbor days in Pennsylvania, and urges that they be observed by schools and the public in general.

PORTUGAL IN WAR TO SAVE COLONIES PARIS, March 27.—In a proclamation to the Portuguese army, says a Havas dispatch from Lisbon, the Minister of War asserts Germany aimed at the absorption of Portugal's commerce and the seizure of her colonies. These objects would have been fully realized, the proclamation says, had it not been for the declaration of war.

STRIKE CLOSES RUSSIAN MUNITIONS PLANT PETROGRAD, March 27.—An official statement says that the Duma sat behind closed doors to discuss the interpellation addressed to the Ministers of War and Commerce regarding the closing of the Putloff works. The Minister of War, General Polivanov, gave the following explanation: "The men in the electrical shops on February 17 demanded an increase in wages of 70 cents. This was refused by the management as exorbitant. A strike having broken out, the military authorities closed the works. An understanding, however, was reached with the electricians and notices were posted offering to take back the men. The works were then reopened. Mea in other workshops on February 24 formulated demands similar to those previously refused, and not satisfied with an increase of 35 cents, which was conceded, they struck. The works, therefore, were closed on March 1 and placed under control of the Ministry of War on March 12. Since then the works have been idle, although fresh notices have been posted offering to take the men back to work."

SHACKLETON PARTY IN NO DANGER, SAYS AMUNDSEN LONDON, March 27.—A Central News dispatch from Christiania quotes Captain Roald Amundsen, the Norwegian explorer, as having said that the members of the Shackleton party who were stranded at the Ross Sea base by the breaking away of the auxiliary steamer Aurora were in no danger of starvation, as there was an abundance of game to be had there.

A Renter dispatch from Wellington, New Zealand, says that Premier Massey has received the following wireless message from J. R. Stenhouse, chief officer of the Aurora: "The Aurora is proceeding to Port Chalmers, New Zealand, in a disabled condition as a result of her enforced ten months' drift in the lee of the winter quarters."

"WEAR CITY COLORS TODAY," SAYS MAYOR SMITH Today is "Philadelphia Flag Day" and Mayor Smith wants everybody to wear the city colors, azure blue and golden yellow, and white business houses and homes to fly the city's flag. It is 21 years since Councils passed a resolution creating a flag for Philadelphia. "It seems proper," says the Mayor, "that in a year when every influence is being utilized to stimulate patriotism, we should pay the people the high value of American institutions. Philadelphia should pay a special tribute of honor to the flag which stands for its very life."

COLONEL DODD Commander of the advanced column now riding hard after Villa, who is believed to be fleeing southward from Namiquipa, Mexico.

Three thousand additional American troops, massed at Columbus, N. M., were prepared today to march into Mexico to reinforce the Pershing expedition sent out to get Pancho Villa.

Gen. Frederick Funston, in command at San Antonio, admitted that the Carranza forces at Namiquipa were in effect hostile to the Americans and were rendering no aid in the Villa hunt. He said Villa had escaped through the supposed Carranzista trap.

The outlaw leader and his band are now reported fleeing southward through the San Geronimo Canyon, toward the Sierra Tarahuana Range. Near Namiquipa they defeated the Carranza troops and escaped the reported ring of iron.

American forces had not come within striking distance, according to reports.

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