

BERLIN MAY REGARD SUSSEX AS TRANSPORT

Officials Intimate Liner Sunk by Submarine Was Used in Transporting Troops

LONDON, April 5.—Walter H. Page, United States Ambassador to England, announced today that an analysis of the fragments of the torpedo found on the Channel liner Sussex had proved conclusively that it was German.

BERLIN, April 5.—Germany may not be able to reply for 10 days to the request of the American Government for an explanation of the sinking of the Sussex, the Englishman and the Manchester Engineer.

It is vigorously denied by officials that Germany is insincere, or for some reason unable to carry out its decision to accede to the demands of the United States for negotiations in submarine warfare.

WASHINGTON THINKS BERLIN WILL SETTLE U-BOAT CRISIS

Germany Now Beginning to Realize State of American Feeling

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Suggestions that Germany shortly will make another effort to reach a complete understanding on the submarine question with the United States again were renewed in Teutonic circles today.

The impression seems growing that Germany shortly will either modify or withdraw entirely her original order that armed ships were to be sunk without warning.

There is no doubt in official quarters that Berlin has only realized within the last few days just how serious the situation arising out of the Sussex incident and the general belief that in the United States German submarines were "running amuck" actually was.

DUTCH AND DANES IRATE AT U-BOATS' ATTACKS

Continued from Page One Elvina Helena, while in the grip of a big war scare caused great excitement today.

The Government at once ordered an official inquiry. The tension increased today when the general committee of the lower chamber met in secret session.

No one outside official circles knows exactly what development in the European war situation caused the recall of soldiers on leave of absence.

England has persistently held up Dutch merchant ships and seized their mail, it is pointed out. A great mass of securities, consigned from Holland to the United States, has been confiscated by England.

AMSTERDAM, April 5.—Former Minister

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letter of War Colyn said today that the recent military preparations were taken as a preventive of possible German entry into Holland.

The former Minister urged an increase in the Dutch forces so that Germany would be assured of the ability and intention of Holland to prevent any menace to the unprotected German border.

COPENHAGEN, April 5.—Denmark is raging with anger over the sinking of unarmed Danish ships by German submarines.

FRENCH ROUT ENEMY SOUTH OF DOUAUMONT

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fire of our machine guns and our artillery.

In the Vosges a strong reconnaissance force of the enemy which attempted to reach our trenches south-east of Colles was easily dispersed.

In the region of Verdun our scouting aeroplanes fought on April 4 15 aerial combats in the course of which a German biplane was brought down near Etang-Haute-Fournaux.

Not only were the German attacks unsuccessful, the Teutons losing heavily, but the Kaiser's forces were compelled to fall back in the direction of Bois-Chaufons, which lies west of Douaumont.

The French counter-drive on the Verdun front was made after a tremendous bombardment with guns of all calibres from three-inch up to 15-inch.

QUIT MASS FORMATION.

The Germans have abandoned the mass formation attack and adopted new methods designed to spare their remaining effectives from the murderous artillery fire of the French artillery.

In Tuesday's fighting south of Douaumont the German infantry left the trenches in long line formation. Behind these men came small columns consisting of the finest available troops, bearing short ladders and other special instruments of warfare.

The loss of the attacking wave is generally certain, but the supporting columns are expected to drive solid wedges into the French trenches, hold on to them and consolidate them with their special equipment until reinforcements arrive.

Three attacking waves were wiped out in the attacks south of Douaumont in Tuesday's action before the supporting columns were sent into action, but the latter were also mowed down 50 yards from the French parapets.

For the first time in the whole battle the German check on Tuesday was followed by a disorderly flight to cover, say dispatches from the front.

WEDDING GUESTS IN CRASH

Three men and three women were on their way home from a wedding, as they told Sergeant William Allison, when their automobile skidded against a light standard on City Hall plaza east of Broad street, at 2 o'clock this morning.

The machine climbed the curb stone and struck the standard a heavy blow, but the occupants managed to keep their seats.

Two rear wheels were broken off and all glass on the car fell in splinters. Though startled and bruised the occupants of the car were unhurt. They declined to give their names to Sergeant Allison.



FRENCH GAIN AT VERDUN The Germans have been driven out of the Caillette Woods, south of Douaumont, according to a Paris communique today.

GERMANY DIDN'T PLAN INVASION OF U. S.

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commercial trade of neutrals. The American note of November 5 last gave an exact description of English violations of the law of nations.

"We respect the legitimate rights of neutral trade and commerce, but we also expect that this respect shall be reciprocated."

"We expect that our right to use all available means against this policy of starvation, which is a jeering insult not only to the laws of nations but to humanity itself, shall be respected."

At the outbreak of the war neither Germany nor Austria-Hungary had expected to touch the Polish question, but fate of battles had forced it upon them, the Chancellor said.

"Now that this problem stands before the world, demanding a solution, Germany and Austria have decided to solve it," continued the speaker.

Doctor Von Bethmann-Hollweg declared there must be a new Belgium. At the same time he said it must not be expected that Germany could ever again deliver into Russian hands the Polish provinces captured by the Teutons.

GERMANS MAY DRIVE OVER GREEK BORDER

Bulgars at Monasti Forecast Rush Against Anglo-French Expedition

ATHENS, April 5.—The German allies on the Greek frontier have made preparations to attack the Anglo-French troops and a drive into Greece may now be expected at any time, according to Bulgarian officers stationed at Monasti.

VIENNA, April 5.—The negotiations between Austria-Hungary and Bulgaria in regard to the new Balkan frontier have been terminated with mutual satisfaction, says the Overseas News Agency.

The negotiations reported above probably had to do with the apportionment of territory conquered by Bulgaria and her allies, which includes all Serbia and Montenegro and part of Albania.

PARIS, April 5.—Dr. M. R. Vesnitch, Serbian Minister to France, made the following statement concerning the quoted declaration by M. Radolovitch, the Bulgarian Premier, to the American Minister at Sofia, that Serbia has ceased to exist as a sovereign nation.

"Serbia, as a nation retains complete sovereignty and continues to carry out all governmental functions."

VACCINE SHIPPED BY AUTOS

Two three-ton motortrucks loaded with vaccine and hospital supplies, made here by the H. K. Mulford Company, make the trip from Philadelphia to New York twice weekly, as the result of the freight embargo on railroads, which has hampered the shipment of the supplies to the European armies' hospital corps.

Thirty tons of supplies have already been sent to New York on the trucks. On Monday a five-ton truck to further increase the capacity of the shipping line, will be put into service. Ten to 12 days, and sometimes longer, are required to send the material as railroad freight, according to B. W. Kerr, shipping manager of the Mulford laboratories.

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French 16-Inch Guns Now Ready for Use

PARIS, April 5.—The French army has ready for use the new 16-inch guns. These are able to fire a more devastating explosive shell than the German 17-inch gun.

GERMAN SHIPS DASH INTO NORTH SEA FIGHT

One Torpedoboat Reported Damaged After Battle With Britons Off Norway

COPENHAGEN, April 5.—A German squadron, emerging from the Baltic,

dashed into the North Sea and engaged in a minor skirmish with a British torpedo-boat flotilla off the Norwegian coast, according to a report from two separate sources received here today.



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