

EVIL OF "WAR-TIME PROSPERITY" SEEN BY ELECTRICAL EXPERT

President of Indiana and Cincinnati Traction Company Says Present Situation Approaches Hysteria

BUSINESS DISORGANIZED

ATLANTIC CITY, Oct. 10. — So-called "war-time prosperity" has disorganized industry and created a condition approaching hysteria throughout America, Charles L. Henry, president of the Indianapolis and Cincinnati Traction Company, declared today in his annual address as president at the opening session of the thirty-fifth annual convention of the Million Dollar Fier.

"The great European war, in which there are now fourteen countries involved and which has been in progress for more than two years, still continues with unabated fury," President Henry said. "So wonderful and far reaching has been the influence of this war that the United States not only has not escaped from the influence, but, on the contrary, every channel of business, all the industries of the country, all the people of the country—bankers, tradesmen, manufacturers, workmen and farmers—all to a greater or less extent have been and are vitally affected. Many of our manufacturing industries are crowded by the production of war munitions and other war supplies. Exports of the products of our factories and farms, furnished to the nations at large, in turn brought back a stream of gold into the pockets of the American producers. The profits arising from this export business, occasioned by this unusual and extraordinary demand from across the sea, have been such as to intoxicate the American people, and spreading out from the business centers into almost every channel of trade and into every community throughout the land, there has developed a feverish, unnatural and unhealthy condition, until the American people have almost lost their moorings."

"Prices of all commodities, products of the farm and workshops, have increased to such an extent as could not have been anticipated in a country not in actual war; speculation of all kinds has been stimulated, and a quiet people, who have heretofore always been content with ordinary business conditions, have been carried away into the whirlpool; usual everyday business has become insipid, and nothing in a business way that does not promise quick returns and immense profits seems to satisfy their desires. Employment under ordinary conditions and at even reasonably advanced wages is by the workmen looked upon with contempt. In order to secure the necessary workmen in factories producing war supplies bringing enormous profits, wages have been abnormally advanced and workmen have been enticed thereby from their ordinary vocations. The whole industrial body has become restless and dissatisfied, demanding increased wages, sometimes justified, but in many cases wholly without the bounds of reason. This very naturally has been accompanied by a decreased interest in the work, and altogether there have been created conditions which make it impossible for ordinary business to be conducted in a successful and profitable manner."

NO PANIC AS U-BOAT SANK THE STEPHANO, PHILADELPHIANS SAY

Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Evans, of Germantown, Home After Thrilling Sea Adventure Off Nantucket

SHE TELLS OF RESCUE

Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Evans, 203 West Walnut lane, Germantown, the only Philadelphians on board the Red Cross liner Stephano when she was torpedoed by the U-55 last Sunday off Nantucket, today gave a vivid description of their experiences. Mr. Evans, who is in the insurance business at 408 Walnut street, left with Mrs. Evans for a vacation in Newfoundland last August to visit their son John, who is a missionary to the deep-sea fishermen with Dr. Wilfred Grenfell. They reached their home in this city last night.

"Such an ending to a pleasure trip," Mrs. Evans said today, speaking of her experiences. "We arrived here with hardly enough clothes to cover us, or, at least, not with the clothes that we would wear on the street. We lost everything we had on board and so did many others, who probably lost everything they had in the world."

"We had just finished eating when we heard a shot above," said Mrs. Evans. "It was the signal for us to stop. Mr. Evans and I went above just in time to hear the command to man the boats. We rushed back to our state room and I had time to get my big coat. That was all. I did not even take a hat or my hand bag. All the presents I was bringing back to my grandchildren went down with the boat. When we arrived in Philadelphia last night I looked like a witch, with my hair flying and in a queer woolen cap. Mr. Evans was unable to even get me a comb and brush."

"The sinking of the Stephano made such an impression on me that I can hardly collect my thoughts. I now can clearly see the women and children crying, though, strange as it may seem, there was little

or no confusion. The attitude of the passengers was heroic to say the least.

DAY HAD BEEN IDEAL

"We probably have just spent the two most eventful days of our lives. It all happened that started about sundown on Sunday. The day had been ideal. The sunset was glorious; it was so beautiful in fact that Mr. Evans and I hated to leave it. We dragged ourselves away from the beautiful reflection and glow on the calm sea to go below to the saloon for supper."

"Men, women and children were there all chatting and happy. Really, as I remember it, pleasure beamed on many faces when suddenly we heard shots. Three came in rapid succession and all at once knew that something must be wrong. First we thought our own ship was firing a signal. We soon learned, much to our sorrow, that such was not the case."

"We all were ordered to the boats. We could not see the little German 'devil'—excuse the expression—but so many survivors called the submarine by that name that I find myself using the word unconsciously. We were told to get into the boats in double-quick time and even by the time I reached the deck several boats already had been lowered."

"As I have said there was no excitement. Women were crying and children were in tears, but there was no panic. The officers I noticed were pale, but not excited."

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"Women with infants in their arms were lowered into the boats with ropes, or at least they had to climb down the rope ladders, and the children were lowered to them. The brutality of it all!

"I want to say right here that all the survivors seemed to realize what an important part the American ships played in the rescue work. Had it not been for their quick action I feel sure the loss of life would have been terrific. Furthermore, everything was done for our comfort at the naval station at Newport."

"More than two hundred of the survivors of the five ships were placed in three coaches for New York. We did not have a special train. Of course, we were lucky to escape with our lives, but then I have always thought it was customary to do the utmost for women and children after such a disaster. We did not have Pullmans and

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Picket lines formed by strikers today prevented 8000 workers in the Constable's Hook section from going to work. Four plants were affected. Strikers barricaded the crostown car tracks and threatened violence to those willing to work. The entire Bayonne police force is on duty in the section, and motorcycle police are patrolling the city.

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