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GERMAN CRUISER RAIDS TRADE LANES OF ATLANTIC AND SINKS OR CAPTURES 23 ALLIED SHIPS

Hundreds of Passengers Either Lost or Held Captive

237 SURVIVORS LAND

Ten Vessels Lost, Two Seized, British Admiralty Announces

LONDON, Jan. 17.—The Norwegian steamships Otta and Solvang have been sunk, says a Lloyd's dispatch.

GALVESTON, Tex., Jan. 17.—Rumors were current in shipping circles here this afternoon that the Swedish steamships Consul Corfitzon and Consul Olsson and the Norwegian steamship Asby, all of which sailed from this port in November, have been sunk by the new German raider. The Swedish steamships were bound for Havre with 20,000 bales of cotton and the Norwegian vessel carried 10,000 bales for Genoa.

By CHARLES P. STEWART Special Cable Service of United Press and Evening Ledger.

Buenos Aires, Jan. 17.—Twenty-three merchant ships have been sunk or captured by a new German raider, whose exploits, revealed today, surpass any heretofore recorded in the world's naval history.

The Teutonic commerce destroyer, believed to be the protected cruiser Vinteta, probably eluded British patrols around Germany and swept from north to south across every transatlantic ocean steamship pathway.

Some of the survivors of ships sunk by the raider, landed today at Pernambuco, had been aboard the raider twenty-eight days—indicating that the raider must have been operating for at least four weeks. Probably she has been at large, roaming the sea, for six weeks or more.

The raider is still at large, according to reports today.

One report from Rio today said an additional English steamship had been sunk with a loss of 400 lives, but this had not been confirmed up to this afternoon.

The Brazilian Minister of Marine has made formal request for a report from Pernambuco, but as yet has not received a reply.

First news of the raider came in dispatches from Pernambuco detailing the landing there by the Japanese steamships Hudson Maru of sailors from five steamships sunk by the Teutonic commerce destroyer thirty miles off Pernambuco. The ships which fell victims were said to have included the British steamships Dramatist and Radnorshire, the latter bound from Bahia to Havre and London, and other French and Allied merchantmen.

A subsequent message reported the sinking of English and French merchantmen off the Brazilian coast, including the Voltair.

A dispatch from Rio added the steamships Samara, Origa, Origa and Hamershus to the list of victims.

In all, 237 survivors from the victims

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Victims of German Raider Off Brazil

THE British Admiralty announced today these vessels sunk:

George, 10,077 tons, White Star Line, Liverpool.

Mount Temple, 9972 tons, Canadian Pacific, Liverpool.

Netherbyhall, 4461 tons, Ellerman Lines, London.

King George, presumably the 3852-ton liner owned by the Freshfield Steamship Company, of Glasgow. (Lloyd's lists three vessels of this name, but all are very small vessels except the Freshfield Company's ship.)

Minick, not listed in Lloyd's, but there is a Menevian, of 2229 tons, owned by Williams & Co., London.

Voltaire, 8618 tons, Lamport & Holt, Liverpool.

Dramatist, 5415 tons, Charente Steamship Company, Liverpool.

Radnorshire, 4310 tons, Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, London.

Nantes, French schooner, 2670 tons, Societe d'Armement, Nantes.

Amieres, French schooner, not listed in Lloyd's.

The Admiralty announced these vessels captured:

St. Theodore, 4992 tons, British and Foreign Steamship Company, London.

Yarrowdale, 4552 tons, Mackill Steamship Company, Glasgow.

United Press cables from Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro and Pernambuco gave in addition to the above the following ships as sunk by the raider:

Drina, 11,482 tons, Moyal Mail Steam Packet Company, Belfast.

Samara, 8007 tons, Cie de Sud Americo, Bardenay.

Ortega, 8075 tons, Pacific Steam Navigation Company, Liverpool.

Hammershus, 3931 tons, Dampskifls Selsk Dannebrog, Copenhagen, Newportland, not listed in Lloyd's Register.

San Giorgio, Three vessels of this name are listed in Lloyd's, but the only one of transatlantic size is a 6312-ton vessel, the property of the Societa di Navigazione a Vapore Sciala-Americana, of Messina.

Nasser, not listed in Lloyd's Register.

Michsnethiel, not listed in Lloyd's Register.

St. Sacl, not listed in Lloyd's Register.

Snowdon Grange, not listed in Lloyd's Register.

Gailly, not listed in Lloyd's Register.

The total tonnage of ships reported sunk or captured is 94,736 tons. This is exclusive of some of the ships which are not listed by Lloyd's.

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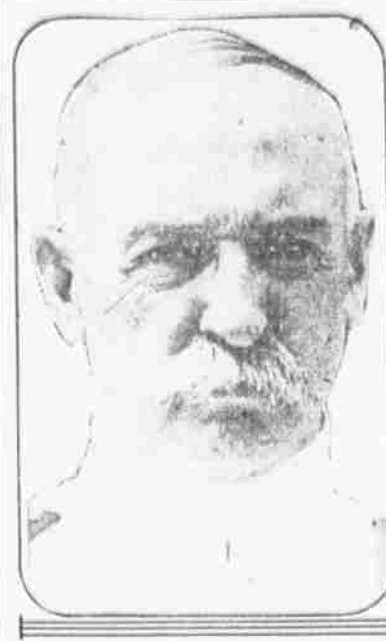
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NEW NAVY'S RANKING OFFICER

The death of Admiral Dewey leaves Rear Admiral William S. Benson, former Commandant at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, the highest officer in the United States navy.

He is now Chief of Operations with headquarters at Washington.

LEAK PROBE SCOPE BY HOUSE WIDENED

"Woman of Mystery" to Appear When Hearing Resumes Tomorrow

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Without a record vote, the House this afternoon adopted the resolution, authorizing the Rules Committee to employ counsel and expert accountants familiar with Stock Exchange transactions to aid in the investigation of the alleged leak on President Wilson's so-called peace note.

The House refused to set a limit to expenditures for this purpose.

Permission was also granted to extend the inquiry elsewhere—this probably means to Wall street. Indications now are that the probe will be "to the limit."

Examination of witnesses was suspended until tomorrow morning at 10:26 o'clock to obtain the action of the floor of the House.

Charles Evans Hughes, late candidate of the Republican party for President, Samuel Untermyer, and Frederick W. Lehman, of St. Louis, who was one of the Mexican commissioners at the Niagara Falls conference in 1914, are mentioned as under consideration for committee counsel in the inquiry.

ARRAIGNS PARTISANSHIP

Representative Howard was asked by Representative Howard and Lloyd how much it was proposed to pay counsel for the leak committee. Before he could reply, Representative Fitzgerald said:

"If we are going to have counsel we shouldn't haggle here over the price. You have got to pay for a good attorney and if you are going to get an incompetent, clean attorney you might as well stop now."

Representative Cooper, a Wisconsin Republican, said he regretted that the "leak" investigation so far "seems to have degenerated into a partisan struggle." He added:

"On the floor of this House recently three Democratic members of the Rules Committee accused the minority of playing politics and attempting to discredit the Administration's peace efforts. This charges a disgraceful thing against the minority, and I am sorry to see such a spirit manifested. It amounts to a stain on the American Congress and confirms the suspicion that there is to the fine sense of honor to public life."

Now if the majority of the Democrats on the Rules Committee feel that way, how do we know that the attorney they employ will not be of the same sort and feel that way?

Representative Moore, of Pennsylvania, a Republican, suggested the name of Charles Evans Hughes as attorney for the committee. The Democrats laughed.

"WHO IS HUGHES?"

"Who is he?" shouted some one in the rear on the Democratic side.

In response to a question, Representative Fitzgerald said the Rules Committee was not yet able to make an intelligent report on whether the investigation ought to be completed by the Rules Committee or by a select committee of five as asked in the resolution of Representative Wood, of Indiana.

"Is it proper for this investigation to be made by the Rules Committee when the honor of one of its members has been brought into the question?" inquired Representative Green, of Iowa.

"I do not think the committee would be subjected to criticism on that score," said Representative Ford.

Representative Howard, of Georgia, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee be authorized to employ counsel and expert accountants familiar with Stock Exchange transactions to aid in the investigation of the alleged leak on President Wilson's so-called peace note.

PERKINS IN NEW FIGHT AIDED BY OLD MOOSE

Many Back Him and Colby in Fresh Insurgency—Roosevelt Approval Claimed

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—Progressives were lining up behind George W. Perkins today in his fight against what he and Roosevelt Colby termed the "little caetera" in the Republican party. The former Bull Moose chairman announced he had received scores of messages from former third party men congratulating him and Colby on their stand and pledging support to the demand they made on the National Republican Committee for a revocation of the executive committee's action in appointing a vice chairman and "attempting to perpetuate themselves in power."

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POMP TO ATTEND DEWEY FUNERAL

Family Consents to Impressive Obsequies for Dead Admiral Saturday

CEMETERY PLOT CHOSEN

Midshipmen, Sailors, Marines, President and Other High Officials Will Participate

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The funeral of Admiral George Dewey here next Saturday will be one of the most imposing ever witnessed in the national capital.

The content of the funeral, an elaborate naval and military display, following a private funeral at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, was given today, and accordingly, thousands of sailors, soldiers and marines, in addition to all official Washington, from President Wilson down, will participate.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels was busy today arranging preliminary details, conferring with Mrs. Dewey as to the hour for the public funeral, most convenient to the family. Already arrangements have been made for the participation of more than 1200 midshipmen from Annapolis and sailors and marines from Norfolk. Secretary Daniels will confer with Secretary of War Baker as to the part the army will take.

The site of the Admiral's last resting place has been selected. It is beyond the crest of Arlington National Cemetery, on the east slope.

A guard of honor of seven sailors and seven marines has been assigned to duty at the Admiral's casket. One sailor and one marine stand continually at attention at the head of the casket.

This guard will be changed each twenty-four hours until after the interment.

Arrangements for pall bearers were made today. It is the custom for high naval officers to have as pall bearers only members of their class at Annapolis. The funeral of Rear Admiral Reed, retired, close friend and classmate of Dewey, was held here this afternoon without pall bearers, as Admiral Dewey was the only member of the class of 1858 surviving him.

Mrs. Margaret Wilson, the President's daughter, and her cousin, Miss Helen Woodrow Wilson, today recalled invitations for a dinner, scheduled for tomorrow night at the White House, out of respect for the memory of Admiral Dewey.

Dewey died last night at 5:54 o'clock with his wife and son beside him after only a few days' illness.

Only a few short weeks ago Dewey observed his seventy-ninth birthday and looked to be in perfect health. Hardening of the arteries, however, had done its work and a few days ago he was taken ill and gradually sank.

PRESIDENT SENT FLOWERS

Ever since it became known that the Admiral's life was in danger the greatest concern over his condition had been shown by Secretary Daniels and the ranking officers of the navy kept in close touch with the progress of his illness. President Wilson had shown his sympathy by sending huge bunches of flowers to the Admiral's house Monday and yesterday, with a request that he be informed of any change in the patient's condition.

Plans for the funeral have not yet been made, but it is understood that the burial will be in Arlington National Cemetery. Secretary Daniels paid this tribute:

"Up to the very last Admiral Dewey kept his mind clear and his courage unshaken. He was a man of great character and high ability. His death is a heavy loss to our country and to the world."

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QUICK NEWS

ALLIED WARSHIPS WARN OF GERMAN SEA RAIDER

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 17.—A German commerce raider—presumably the one reported to have sunk a score of vessels in the South Atlantic—is operating 1000 miles south of the Virginia Capes, according to a warning flashed broadcast by Allied warships at noon today.

ALLIES LOST 66 PLANES IN MONTH, BERLIN SAYS

BERLIN, Jan. 17.—Sixty-six Allied airplanes were lost during December, the War Office announced today in a special statement on aviation. The Germans lost seventeen machines.

WILSON'S STRIKE MEDIATION PLANS GO AWRY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—President Wilson's strike prevention proposal is dead. There will be no attempt at resuscitation. This was made plain today by Administration leaders in Congress following the Interstate Commerce Committee's adverse vote on the measure designed to make strikes unlawful pending Government investigation.

NEW SUBMARINE TRADER EXPECTED AT NEW LONDON

NEW LONDON, Conn., Jan. 17.—All of the officials of the Eastern Forwarding Company (American representatives of the owners of the German merchant submarine Deutschland) were here today, which leads color to the report that a new super-submarine, with a \$19,000,000 cargo, is expected daily from Germany. A Berlin dispatch stated that preparations were being made by Bremen yesterday for the departure of the Deutschland.

WATER MAIN BURSTS IN NORTHEAST

A six-inch water main burst this morning at Calhoun and Emerald streets, shutting off the water supply in the neighborhood and flooding several cellars on Orleans street. The water shot up through the spaces in the Belgian blocks and ran along the gutters in torrents. This is the fourth break in water mains in the northeastern section of the city in three months. The Water Bureau sent a detail of workmen to the scene and the break was quickly repaired.

SENATE CONFIRMS SHIPPING BOARD

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The Senate Commerce Committee voted today to recommend confirmation of all the President's appointments to the Shipping Board. The appointees are Bernard N. Baker, of Baltimore; John A. Donald, New York; Theodore Brent, New Orleans; William Dentman, San Francisco, and James B. White, of Kansas City. The committee found objections to Baker, Donald and White insufficient to warrant an unfavorable report on their confirmation.

ADMIRAL BENSON NAVY'S RANKING OFFICER

Admiral William S. Benson, Chief of Operations in the Navy Department at Washington, ranked next to Admiral Dewey, and is now the ranking officer. As commander of the League Island Navy Yard Admiral Benson was one of his chief "boosters." He has always been in favor of equipping it along thoroughly modern lines. Admiral Benson was appointed to the post at League Island in June, 1912, and was called to Washington in May, 1915.

BRITISH FIRM GETS U. S. CONTRACT FOR BIG GUN SHELLS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The United States Government has been obliged to go to one of the belligerent nations to get sixteen 600 fourteen inch shells for its navy. The Navy Department today awarded to Vickers, Ltd., of London, contracts for 2000 sixteen-inch shells at \$212 each and 4500 fourteen-inch shells at \$256 each, delivery in sixteen months. American firms submitted much larger bids and demanded much longer periods for deliveries.

SKATING ON FAIRMOUNT PARK LAKES

There is skating today on Hunting Park Lake, Concourse and Gustine Lakes in Fairmount Park and at Meador Cricket Club. If the cold weather continues other Fairmount lakes probably will be open tonight.

RIOTS CLOSE COLOGNE STATION, LONDON HEARS

LONDON, Jan. 17.—Grave disturbances, quelled only by use of troops, have forced the closing of the railway station at Cologne, according to Central News dispatches today from Geneva. The closing has been in effect three days, it was stated. Home wireless press messages from Berlin declare disorders there are such that the military authorities have issued a threatening manifesto. The wireless also carried the rumor that the Reichstag may meet elsewhere than Berlin because of these disorders.

EXPLOSION WRECKS MINE POWER HOUSE AT DUBOIS

DUBOIS, Pa., Jan. 17.—A terrific explosion, followed by fire, wrecked the power-house of the Buffalo and Susquehanna Coal Company here early today. The loss is estimated at \$25,000. The cause has not been determined. A night crew of 300 miners was lifted from the mines before the hoisting machinery and elevators were affected by the fire.

EARLY WITHDRAWAL OF PERSHING EXPECTED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The withdrawal of Major General Pershing's troops from Mexico and the sending of Ambassador Fletcher to the Mexican capital may be expected in the near future. An actual announcement is expected, but the decision of the Administration probably will be made known through action. No definite date for the withdrawal of the troops has been set.

GRANTS HEARING ON PLEA TO ADMIT SAMPLES FREE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The American Importers' Association has filed a protest with the Treasury Department against a recent ruling of the customs division preventing free entry of samples susceptible to manufacture. Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Peters announced that he would grant a hearing at Washington January 23.

60,000 AGRICULTURISTS WILL SWELL BRITISH ARMY

LONDON, Jan. 17.—Measures are being taken by the Government to increase the army by withdrawing young men from agricultural and other pursuits. It is unofficially estimated that the newly summoned agriculturists will aggregate about 60,000 men. A number of men under thirty, who are engaged in shoemaking, have been summoned to the colors also.

LONDON SEES AMMUNITION FAMINE IN GERMANY

LONDON, Jan. 17.—Germany is threatened with an ammunition shortage, according to the Chronicle. This newspaper states that the ammunition situation is causing much anxiety in Germany as well as Austria-Hungary. Under-feeding and other causes have brought demoralization among the employees of the ammunition-making plants, the paper says.

THIRD TRIP TO HOSPITAL ENDS IN CHILD'S DEATH

The third trip of five-year-old George Young, of 2618 Wharton street, to the Polyclinic Hospital ended in his death early today. George had been a patient at the institution twice before. He was the son of Robert Young, now under treatment at the same hospital for a fractured right wrist. Last night the mother awoke to find the child apparently dead. A physician was called and the child sent to the hospital, where he died soon after being admitted to the receiving ward from diphtheria and a complication of other diseases.

NEW ERA OPEN FOR PORT OF PHILADELPHIA

Program for Development Outlined in Final Article of Series

CITY CONFRONTED BY PRESSING DUTY

Must Take Advantage of Situation Due to Unrivalled Facilities

NOW IS TIME FOR ACTION

Fleet of Ships in the Delaware Augury of World Commerce

ARTICLE IX

For years past the attitude of the citizens of Philadelphia toward the river and port has been one of passive indifference. But a new era is here. The civilized world is on the threshold of a commercial revolution. We have experienced a foretaste of it already and we are going to experience it in a very marked degree in the near future.

No other city in the United States has entered into the spirit of preparedness for this resumption of trade with foreign countries as actively as Philadelphia. She has not her part in order. She has planned away into the future for a world commerce. The tide has turned and is setting strong in our direction. The export business of the port during the first eleven months of 1916 totaled almost \$198,000,000, which is more than double of the previous year. Additional lines of steamships are being established for trade with foreign countries. In seven large shipbuilding yards located on the Delaware more than 100 vessels are at present under construction. All the wharves, piers and bulkheads owned by the city are leased and there is constantly increasing demand for more such facilities.

Early this week forty-two vessels lay at anchor in the middle of the Delaware in a stretch of eight miles, waiting their turn to unload at their respective wharves. Before the Interstate Commerce Commission in New York a fight is in progress to compel New York to pay new ocean lighterage charges from New Jersey terminals to Manhattan, which experts say costs from \$1.15 to \$1.80 per ton, and which New York has for years managed to saddle as a tax on the commerce of the whole country, including that of Philadelphia, and if justice is done this must result in still lower freight rates for this city.

CITY'S IMPERATIVE DUTY

What then is the duty of our citizens in this matter so vital to the future expansion and prosperity of our city? It is this:

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday; warmer to-night, with local temperature about 25 degrees; fresh southwest winds.

LENGTH OF DAY  
Sun rises... 7:39 a.m. | Moon rises... 1:27 a.m.  
Sun sets... 5:30 p.m. | Moon sets... 8:34 a.m.

DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES  
CHESTNUT STREET  
Low water... 8:24 a.m. | High water... 8:55 p.m.  
High water... 8:21 a.m. | Low water... 8:58 p.m.

TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR  
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