



U. S. LINER SUNK BY SUBMARINE

NO WARNING GIVEN SHIP BY U-BOAT

Big American Vessel Sent to Bottom by Shell Fire; Ten Citizens of United States on Board Reported Rescued; Loss Estimated at \$1,700,000; Teuton Commander Refuses Assistance to Boat He Doomed; China Severs Teuton Relations

Washington, March 14. — China has severed diplomatic relations with Germany, taken possession of all German merchantships in Shanghai, about six in number, placed their crews on shore under guard, and placed armed guards on the vessels. Advices to the Navy Department to-day from the senior officer in Chinese waters gave no further details.

London, March 14.—American steamship Algonquin has been torpedoed by a German submarine. The crew was saved.

According to a later report from J. G. Stephens, American consul at Plymouth, the captain of the Algonquin stated that his ship was sunk by shell fire without warning.

The Algonquin was torpedoed at 6 o'clock on the morning of March 12. The submarine refused assistance, according to the report of the consul at Plymouth. Twenty-seven men have been landed.

The Algonquin, owned by the American Star Line, sailed from New York for London, on February 20.

According to later advices from Plymouth the German submarine opened fire upon the Algonquin from a distance of 4,000 yards, firing about 20 shells. These were not sufficient to sink the steamer so she was boarded by men from the submarine who placed four bombs and the Algonquin was then blown up. The crew was given plenty of time to leave the vessel.

BOAT CARRIED A GREAT CARGO OF FOODSTUFFS

Was One of First to Sail For Restricted Zone After Germany Made Threat

New York, March 14. — The Algonquin, owned by the American Star Line of this city, was recently transferred from British registry. She was reported to have about eight Americans in her crew.

The Algonquin was torpedoed and sunk on March 12, according to a cablegram received here to-day by the owners. Where the torpedoing occurred was not mentioned in the message which came from Pensance, France.

Worth a Fortune The Algonquin, a freighter, was one of the first American vessels to sail from the United States after Germany announced her submarine campaign of unrestricted warfare.

Officers of the American Star Line said the vessel was worth approximately \$1,700,000 and that the cargo consisting mostly of foodstuffs was worth more than \$1,250,000.

Ten Americans Aboard There were ten Americans including the captain on the Algonquin, the owners announced to-day.

She carried about 2,000 tons of cargo and was commanded by Captain A. Nordberg, a naturalized American of Norwegian birth.

When she left here on February 20 her owners expected her to reach the submarine zone about March 8. It was assumed here to-day that she went considerably out of her course.

Captain Not Afraid Prior to sailing the Algonquin's captain said he had no fear that his vessel would be torpedoed.

"I feel safer in sail through the war zone on a vessel flying the American flag than I do trying to make my way about New York streets and dodging taxicabs," he said.

Blooming Hepaticas, Full-blown Liverwort, Butterfly—SPRING!

THE hepaticas are blooming for sure, and I found a feather from the bluebird's back lying on a full-blown white liverwort, two very strong signs of spring. The mourning cloak or Cambe-well Beauty, one of the first butterflies, has made its appearance. These combined with swelling buds, green grass, numerous flies and the familiar song of returning birds—proclaim spring. DR. J. H. FAGER.

ATTACK ON LINER WILL NOT FORCE NATION INTO WAR

Real Issue to Come When Armed American Ship Clashes With U-Boat

Washington, March 14. — In the absence of official dispatches on the destruction of the steamer Algonquin, officials withheld comment, but the unofficial view was that nothing in the incident changes the situation between the United States and Germany.

President Wilson already has taken steps to place the nation in a state of armed neutrality which with the breaking off of diplomatic relations with Germany is practically the last measure possible short of war. American ships now are being armed to defend themselves against unlawful submarine attack. The general view to-day is that arming of ships is the only answer to submarine operations short of a declaration of war which may be made only by Congress.

All Possible Steps Taken The circumstance that the Algonquin carried foodstuffs which are contraband and that she recently was transferred from British to American registry, a transaction Germany might plead she would not recognize, are not taken to outweigh the fact that the ship was reported destroyed without warning. Neither does the fact that apparently no lives were lost mitigate the situation.

But the real fact, as unofficially expressed, is that while the destruction of an American ship in such a manner is very serious, the American government already has taken all the steps it can to meet such a case, unless it wishes to take the last step and declare war.

War Last Resort The real issue of peace or war is expected to come when an American armed ship has a clash with a German submarine.

A series of destructions of American ships probably would result in a declaration of war, if indeed Germany should not declare war on the United States as many expect, as a result of the first encounter with one of her submarines.

Up to the present, in the absence of action by Congress, all that could be done to meet such a case as the destruction of the Algonquin already has been done. It is generally accepted on first reports as not being the "overt act."

Pope Expected to Score German U-Boat Campaign

Paris, March 14. — The Pope has decided to pronounce an important allocution at the consistory to be held at the end of the month, according to a news dispatch from Rome. The dispatch says that it is understood that the Pope's pronouncement will deal entirely with the war and that it is reported in Vatican circles that the pontiff will protest against Germany's unrestricted submarine campaign.

RAIN TO BE OVER WHEN SHOW CURTAIN RISES

Forecaster Demain declares that the rain will all have passed away by the time the curtain is ready to be raised on the great Spring Fashion show at 7.30 o'clock this evening.

Cloudy skies is the worst that he threatens and they will have no effect on the exhibit. If the weatherman's forecast should fail the opening will be staged to-morrow.

A five-minute period of darkness will precede the flashing on of lights. With the first twinkle, four bands will strike up the "Star Spangled Banner" and the style show will be under way.

Full details of the arrangements for this evening will be found on page 15.

GERMANS FALL BACK; BRITISH NEAR BAPAUME

By Associated Press

Another great retreat by the Germans on the Somme front is in progress. The consequent British advance has brought General Sir Douglas Haig's forces almost to the outskirts of Bapaume, the speedy fall of which is now counted among the probabilities. The great ridge west of the town is in British hands, the Germans having abandoned their main defensive system here on a front of 3 1/2 miles.

Various reasons for the movement are advanced. The theory that Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's intention was to draw the British into the open held out by one of the principal German military writers quoted in a Berlin newspaper. This critic calls attention to the field marshal's tactics at Tannenberg, early in the war when his army retired before the Russians

In order that room for strategical operations might be gained.

Paris, March 14. — Great importance is attached by French military writers to the continued British successes on the Somme. The Matin says that it looks very much as if the Germans do not think they could hold Bapaume and Peronne any longer and are preparing to evacuate the two cities. Reports from aviators show that all along their inner lines the Germans are blowing up bridges and culverts, burning munitions and provisions while trying to mack the withdrawal of heavy guns by heavy firing with field guns.

German staff headquarters on the Somme front is said to have been moved back ten miles. The Matin

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SHADOW SOCIETY GIRL IN SEARCH FOR CAPT. BOY-ED

Arch-German Plotter in Charge of Kaiser's Schemes in Philadelphia

Philadelphia, Pa., March 14.—Federal investigators at work on the German plot which is said to have been revealed in the arrest of five persons in connection with smuggling nineteen chronometers ashore from the interned raiders at League Island, discovered sensational evidence yesterday.

First, they learned that Captain Boy-Ed, the former naval attaché at the German embassy, is now in or near this city, and is suspected of having visited League Island disguised as a woman.

Second, officials of the New York Shipbuilding Company, frankly admitted that Adelbert K. Fischer, president of the Schutte-Koerting Company, one of the principals named in the alleged smuggling plot, had not only aided in the construction and fitting of every warship built there for

30,000 English Saloons to Close This Spring

London, March 14. — Thirty thousand saloons in Great Britain will probably be closed during the next few months, according to the Mail. The measure is proposed as a solution of the difficulty arising from the compulsory restriction of the beer output and the brewers are stated to be in practical agreement with the government in regard to the remedy.

The closing of the saloons is said to have been suggested by some of the brewers themselves. They contended that there were too many distributing agencies and that a third of them could be suppressed without inconveniencing the public while such a step would enable the liquor trade to be conducted more economically.

River Falling Despite Rain; Ice Is Moving

Despite the rainfall the Susquehanna and all its branches are falling slowly. The rainfall that started early this morning until noon to-day amounted to three-tenths of an inch. E. R. Demain, local forecaster, predicts clear weather tomorrow, with a temperature of thirty-five degrees. No trouble has been reported to the Water Supply Commission from the moving ice. The small detachments that move from day to day have passed off without causing any damage.

JITNEY HEARINGS POSTPONED AFTER HEATED ARGUMENT

Agree That All Jitney Men Make Application For Certificates

By agreement of counsels for both sides, the Public Service Commission this morning continued the hearing of the Harrisburg jitney case for three weeks. The hearing was featured by heated arguments.

The case was opened at 9:30, but was adjourned at 10 o'clock for a special conference between the attorneys representing the jitney men and the Harrisburg Railways Company. The attorneys returned at 11 o'clock after one hour's deliberation with the announcement that an agreement had been reached, on the ground that all jitney men make application for a certificate of public convenience, without admitting that they are common carriers, or come under the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission.

The jitneys will be required to post advertisements immediately, and the organization was granted the privilege of advertising jointly.

At the next hearing testimony will be heard on complaint made by the Harrisburg Railways Company as to whether the jitney is a common carrier or not.

The Harrisburg Traction Company was represented at the hearing by Bailey and Wolfe, while the jitney organization was represented by Oscar B. Wickersham. Individual jitney men were represented by Robert Rosenberger, William A. Zerby and John Armstrong Herman.

Heated debates marked the hearing this morning. No sooner did an attorney for the railway company propose the floor than a representative of the jitney men interrupted and vice versa. Neither would accede to the other. Consequently, the hearing was conducted with difficulty.

College Professor Held For Shooting Student Found in His Home

Blacksburg, Va., March 14. — Chas. E. Vawter, professor of mathematics at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, has been arrested on a warrant charging him with the felonious shooting of Stockton Heth, Jr., in the former's home here early yesterday. He waived preliminary examination before a justice of the peace at Christiansburg and gave bond for his appearance before the grand jury.

Details of the shooting still were lacking to-day, both Dr. Vawter and his wife refusing to discuss it. Heth is in a critical condition in a Roanoke hospital, but his condition to-day was said to be more favorable than it was last night.

U. S. MUST SIDE WITH ALLIES OR FIGHT GERMANY ALONE—STEWART

In Event of War Country Has to Be Prepared to Take Her Place Shoulder to Shoulder With Entente, or Be Ready to Face Seasoned Veterans of Kaiser

BLUNTLY DESCRIBES UNPREPAREDNESS

Asserts Nation Must Send Men Abroad to Fight in Trenches As Well As Get Ready to Defend Shores From Invasion



ADJ.-GEN. THOMAS J. STEWART

"The United States in the event of war with Germany must be prepared to take her place side by side with the Allies or be prepared to face Germany alone in case the Allies should make peace with Germany."

In ringing tones, Adjutant General Thomas J. Stewart, of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, seasoned veteran of the Civil and Spanish-American War, made this positive declaration before the House Appropriations Committee at a hearing granted him and other leading officers of the guard

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WILSON ABLE TO WORK

Washington, March 14.—President Wilson was so near complete recovery from the cold with which he has been suffering for more than a week that he attended to public business to-day in his study. He is not expected to leave the White House for several days.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Clouds, probably rain to-night; Thursday fair and colder; lowest temperature to-night about 35 degrees.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Rain to-night; Thursday colder and probably fair; fresh south winds shifting to northwest by Thursday morning and becoming strong.

River The Susquehanna river and all its branches will probably fall to-night and Thursday, except the lower main river, which will remain nearly stationary or rise slightly to-night. A stage of about 0.6 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Thursday morning. Practically all the ice has gone from the vicinity of Harrisburg, except some that has lodged on islands and along the shores.

General Conditions The storm that was central over Oklahoma, Tuesday morning, has moved rapidly northeastward to the Lake Region. It caused rain generally in central, rain, sleet and snow in north districts from the Plains States eastward to the Atlantic ocean in the last twenty-four hours. Temperatures have fallen 2 to 26 degrees over nearly all the country between the Rocky Mountains and the Mississippi river.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 32 degrees above zero. Sun: Rises, 6:17 a. m. Moon: Rises, 12:02 a. m. River Stage: 10.4 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 37. Lowest temperature, 28. Mean temperature, 32. Normal temperature, 36.

NEITHER SIDE ANXIOUS TO AVOID STRIKE

Wilson May Make Appeal For Settlement; Railway Managers Declare They Will Not Compromise With Transportation Brotherhoods While Supreme Court Decision Is Hanging Fire; Union Leaders Expect Men to Ratify Their Plans For Walkout.

Washington, March 14.—President Wilson is amazed at the proposal of a nation-wide railway strike at this juncture of international affairs. It was stated authoritatively to-day that he expects railroads and the men at their conference in New York to-morrow to consider the state of the country's foreign relations and make every possible effort to agree. It is possible that he may appeal to both sides on that ground. To-day the President was being kept in touch with the situation through Secretary Wilson of the Department of Labor.

New York, March 14.—The chiefs of the four great brotherhoods of railroad employes came here to-day from Washington for a final conference with the local chairmen of unions in eastern territory before meeting the members of the national conference committee of the railroads to-morrow to present their demands for an eight-hour day. It was expected that the eastern representatives would follow example of the employes' conferences held yesterday at Washington and St. Louis and ratify plans for a general strike if the railroads refuse to grant their demands.

Strike orders to take effect first in the East on Saturday night already have been issued and the organized employes await directions to be issued here after Thursday's conference. The managers' committee, which is handling the situation for the railroads, will meet here to-night. The managers maintain that there cannot be any compromise at this time pending a decision by the Supreme Court on the Adamson law.

Await Conference There is no expectation on the part of railroad leaders here that President Wilson will take any action prior to an announcement of the results of Thursday's meeting. W. G. Lee, head

of the trainmen's organization, declared that he and his associates would go before the railroads' representatives with their entire membership united behind their demands. A statement issued by the chiefs of the railroads' brotherhoods before leaving Washington last night denounced as absurd "all insinuations to the effect that transportation employes are not loyal citizens because of their attempt at this time to secure from their employers the benefits contemplated by the law," and said that the railroad men had given to President Wilson assurances of their willingness and intention to support

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SOCIALIST ONLY MAN AGAINST ARMED NEUTRALITY

Harrisburg.—With only Maurer, Socialist, voting in the negative, the House of Representatives this afternoon passed a resolution calling on the representatives of Pennsylvania in the National Congress to support the administration in all its efforts to protect the lives and property of Americans from submarine attack.

COMMISSION APPROVES REVISION

Harrisburg.—Members of City Planning Commission at a special meeting to-day approved a revision of plots in Cloverly. Slight changes in lines by owners made it necessary to get the approval of the commission.

PROMISED NOT TO STRIKE

New York, March 14.—While the national chiefs of the four railroads employes' brotherhoods were discussing the plans for a threatened national-wide strike, representatives of the railway managers made public what they declared was a promise not to strike, made by the brotherhoods in a secret meeting held in Chicago January 13.

RUSS CAPTURE PERSIAN TOWN

London, March 14.—The capture by the Russians of the Persian town of Keranshah is reported in an unofficial dispatch received here to-day.

GERARD NOT TO TALK

Washington, March 14. — Former Ambassador Gerard, arrived here to-day. He will make no statement until he sees President Wilson. The conference probably will not take place until the President has fully recovered.

WANT FEDERAL OWNERSHIP

New York, March 14.—The board of railroad managers to-day announced that in a bulletin sent out to the firemen's brotherhood last week that the Federal Government should take over the railroads if there is a sincere desire not to see a strike.

OPEN BIDS ON SIX CRUISERS

Washington, March 14. — Bids on six 35-knot scout cruisers received at the Navy Department to-day, probably insure immediate placing of contracts for all ships. The bids were within the \$6,000,000 limit fixed for each ship.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Thomas Samuel Wagner and Blanche Augusta Long, Union Deposit. Raymond Carl Aze, Pittsburgh, and Ruth Elizabeth Robins, Harrisburg. James Donald Carpenter and Isabel Adriance Ryder, Harrisburg.