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LOSS OF ALLIED SHIPS DUE TO TORPEDOES, SAY TURKS

Destruction of the British Battleships Irresistible and Ocean and the French Battleship Bouvet in the Dardanelles Not the Result of Floating Mines, Is Turkish Official Statement

PASSENGERS SEE CHANNEL BATTLE

Those on Board Lapland Witness Fight Between Torpedo Boat and Submarine

MORE THAN 600 FRENCH PERISH

LINER ESCAPES FROM THE SCENE

British Cruiser Inflexible Also Badly Damaged in the Fighting—Shell Exploding on Her Deck Is Reported as Having Killed 40 Men and Wounded Many Others

Captain of British Steamer Steers His Vessel in Zigzag Course Under Full Head of Steam to Dodge the Submarine's Torpedoes

Constantinople, via Berlin By Wireless to London, March 20, 9 A. M.—An official statement issued from Turkish headquarters says the sinking of British and French warships in the Dardanelles was due to "torpedoes" and adds: "A hard seven hour fight ended with success for our forts. Beyond slight damage to the earthworks, no damage was done the fortifications."

New York, March 20.—Passengers aboard the British steamer Lapland, which reached here today from Liverpool, witnessed a battle in the English channel between a British torpedo boat which escorted the Lapland and a German submarine. The Lapland, crowded on all steam, fled in a zigzag line from the combatants.

Paris, March 20, Via London, 4.48 P. M.—Official announcement was made here this afternoon that 64 men have been saved from the crew of the French battleship Bouvet, sunk in the Dardanelles March 18.

The Lapland picked up her naval escort outside the entrance to Liverpool harbor. Before the steamer left Liverpool it was stated that submarines were in nearby waters. Steamer and convoy were not far from Liverpool when the torpedo opened fire. The raider fired a torpedo at another vessel. Passengers aboard the Lapland watched the progress of the missile through the water and saw it went wide of its target. Meantime the torpedo boat's guns had quickened their fire to a fusillade of shots. The Lapland's captain ordered full speed ahead and the steamer shot forward. To dodge torpedoes and to afford the submarine a poor target, the Lapland was steered at intervals abruptly to port and to starboard in a zigzag course.

The Lapland carried 113 passengers. In the steering were two American boys, Harold and Howard Hudson, of Bridgeport, Conn., twins, about 15 years old, who had attended school near London. The boys wanted to see actual warfare and enlisted in the British army, giving false ages and not mentioning their nationality. Their parents in this country learned what had happened and invoked the aid of the State Department to secure their release. Through the efforts of Ambassador Page at London the two boys were released.

AMETHYST, IN DASH, CUT CABLE IN DARDANELLES

WOMAN EDITOR'S DEATH LEAP

London, March 20.—The British admiral last night announced that in a general attack by the allied fleet Thursday on the Dardanelles fortresses, the British battleships Irresistible and Ocean, and the French battleship Bouvet were sunk by mines. The battle cruiser Inflexible and the French battleship Gaulois were so greatly damaged by the Turkish fire that they had to withdraw.

London, March 20.—The casualties reported sustained on the British cruiser Amethyst were the result of a smart piece of work which she performed in the Dardanelles when, it is stated, she was entrusted with the difficult task of cutting the telegraph cable connecting Kilit Bahr with Chanak, says the Malta correspondent of the Reuter Telegram Company. The correspondent continues: "She succeeded in lifting and cutting the cable undetected, and had started on her return journey when she was discovered. She then had to run the gauntlet of forts on both sides of the Narrows, becoming the target of a veritable hail of fire. Going at full speed, although frequently hit, she succeeded in getting beyond the range of the guns and reaching the entrance to the straits."

The admiral statement says that virtually the entire crew of 621 men of the Bouvet were lost. French official reports, however, state there is reason to believe that part of the crew was rescued.

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Sixteen warships with a total tonnage of 231,598, were engaged in the Dardanelles, while from the Gulf of Saros other ships bombarded Fort Kilit Bahr at long range. During the battle there was a steady stream of shells from more than 200 guns of more than 6-inch calibre.

A British Admiralty report issued on March 17, stated that in the fighting in the Dardanelles on March 13 the Amethyst made a dash into the Straits. She was struck by several shells and had 23 men killed, 19 severely wounded and 13 slightly hurt.

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

STORK MAKES FIRST TRIP HERE BY 'TWILIGHT' ROUTE

The attack of the Dardanelles was resumed yesterday, notwithstanding the heavy losses of the allied fleet on the preceding day. No official announcement has been made concerning the result of yesterday's operations, but unofficial advices are to the effect that little was accomplished on account of unfavorable weather conditions. A Constantinople dispatch says that the sinking of the British battleships Irresistible and Ocean and the French battleship Bouvet, ascribed by the British Admiralty to floating mines, was due to torpedoes.

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THE REV. I. L. TOMKINSON, FORMER RESIDENT, DIES

PITTSBURGH FIRM WILL BUILD C. V. R. R. BRIDGE

Harrisburg is about educated to the mysteries of automobilizing. Having had two shows running since last Saturday night, accommodating almost capacity crowds for a week, exhibitors have but to-night to get the late auto-showers in line. The gates will close at midnight to-night on what has been the most successful week of united effort on the part of all dealers of self-propelled vehicles for the general advancement of the business.

Announcement Made Today of Award to Grayce Construction Company of Contract to Erect \$750,000 Structure Across River Here

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SURVIVORS OF AMERICAN LINER SUNK IN NORTH SEA



CHIEF MATE SWANSON (CENTRE) AND SOME OF THE SURVIVORS OF THE EVELYNE

Five survivors of the American steamship Evelyne, sunk by submerged mines in the North Sea on February 19, reached New York on board the steamship Matanzas, which brought a cargo of dyestuffs from Bremen. The men gave a vivid account of the mishap to their vessel. They were picked up several hours later by two German patrol boats, which conveyed them to Heligoland, whence they were sent to Bremerhaven. The rest of the crew of twenty-eight, including Captain David Smith, will leave Bremen on board another steamship. The five survivors were dressed in clothing supplied to them by the United States Consul in Bremen, they having lost everything but what they wore when the Evelyne was sunk. They were "broke" to a man, and but for the kindness of officers of the Matanzas they would not have been able to leave the ship.

TO PAY \$225,000 FOR HOTEL SITE

Westerners Ready to Close For Opera House Plot, Says an Authoritative Report

PAPERS PREPARED FOR SIGNATURES

Apparently Well-Substantiated Story in Circulation That Transaction Will Be Closed Next Week With Weightman Estate, the Owners

There was an apparently a well-substantiated report in circulation today that the vacant ground at Third and Walnut streets, the site of the old Opera House which was burned in 1907, has changed hands; that it has been purchased from the Weightman estate by a western hotel company—name as yet kept secret—and that the agreement transferring the property to the hotel company will be signed by the purchasers in Philadelphia within the next few days, the attorney for the Weightman estate already having signed it. The negotiations are with a view to the construction of a handsome new hotel on the site.

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He Passed Many Years in This City, Helped to Found Ridge Avenue Church and Served As Pastor of Stevens Memorial

After filling important appointments in that conference he was transferred in 1887 to the Central Pennsylvania conference and stationed at the Thirteenth Street church in this city. He also served at New Cumberland, Berwick, Phillipsburg, Williamsport and Mount Carmel. After nearly half a century in the ministry he retired because of ill health and took up his residence in this city. Recently he moved to Wilmington.

HURT IN CRASH WITH AUTO

John Minsker and Two Sons Thrown From Wagon in Collision Near Home at Dauphin

Dauphin, March 20.—John Minsker, of Clark's Valley, near this place, was badly injured when thrown from his wagon in a collision with an automobile in the Narrows at 7 o'clock last night. His two sons, Simon and John, who were with him in the vehicle, were also thrown to the road but escaped injury.

4 WOMEN 'FIENDS' CURED

Released From Almshouse Ward Where They Had Been Under Treatment for Drug Habit

Four women dope fiends, who during the last fortnight had been receiving treatment at the Dauphin County Almshouse, today were pronounced cured of the drug habit and discharged from the institution. None of the women had been permitted to use drugs while being cured of the habit after the federal ban on the sale of drugs became effective on March 1, last.

SPRINKLING BEGINS

Police After Auto Speeders

Spring has brought out automobile speeders, according to Chief of Police Hutchinson, and motorcycle policemen have been ordered to keep a sharp watch for violators of the speed law. Already several speeders have been arrested and fined by Mayor Royal.

P. R. R. FINISHES EXCAVATING

Work on Second and Front Streets Nearly Completed

Announcement was made this morning by Superintendent Martin, in charge of the construction work in South Harrisburg by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, that all excavations will be completed within a short time. Two steam shovels have been constantly at work for the past several months and all work on the excavating of Front and Second streets is about finished.

SPANISH SHIP SEIZED BY BRITISH

London, March 20, 4.43 P. M.—It is reported that a Spanish ship laden with iron ore and proceeding to a German port has been captured by a British cruiser off Goodwin Sands in the Straits of Dover and sent in to Jarrow in charge of an armed crew.

AUTO SHOWS HAD WEEK OF SUCCESS

To-night Is Final Opportunity to See the Best and Latest in Motordom

TO PICK WINNERS OF DOOR PRIZES

Managers Myton and Johnson Pleased With Returns of Week—Exhibits Better and Business Conditions Steady—Auto Education Provided

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3 MILLS DAMAGED BY BIG EXPLOSION

Accident at Steelton Plant Most Costly, Save One, in the Last Thirty-five Years

LOSS WILL BE CLOSE TO \$10,000

500-pound Missile, Hurlled Out Top of One Building, Falls Through Roof of Another 1,000 Feet Away When 2-ton Flywheel Breaks

A two-ton flywheel, propelled by a 1,200-horsepower electric motor, flew apart late yesterday afternoon in the 28-inch finishing mill of the Pennsylvania Steel Company's plant in Steelton with such force that a 500-pound section of the wheel was hurled through the roof of the mill and, going a thousand feet higher, crashed through the top of the 44-inch mill. Damage done to the buildings and more particularly to costly machinery installed in both of them is unofficially estimated at \$10,000.

BROTHER OF FUGITIVE MURDERER SENT TO PEN

John Filer, Whose Kinsman Killed Wife and Her Alleged Paramour in Steelton Twelve Years Ago, Is Sentenced for Attempted Burglary

Echoes of the crime in which William Filer, now a fugitive from justice, shot and killed his wife and her alleged paramour, in Steelton twelve years ago, were heard in Judge McCarrell's side of criminal court last evening, when John Filer, said to be a brother of the fugitive, was sent to the penitentiary on a robbery charge for a term of from eighteen months to three years.

H. FRANK M'REYNOLDS DIES

Son of Former Publisher of the "Patriot" a Victim of Appendicitis

H. Frank McReynolds, Jr., born and raised in Harrisburg, the son of the late H. Frank McReynolds, at one time publisher of the "Patriot," died at his home in Waterbury, Connecticut, on Thursday morning, after an operation for appendicitis.

SPRING STARTS TO-MORROW

Fine Day to Mark Opening of Season, Weather Men Say

To-morrow will be the first day of spring. This is the official day set by the sun itself years ago when the universe began and discovered by astronomers after years of labor. Days and nights will be equal in the distribution of light and darkness.

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Mrs. Ellen Heney, Delirious From Fever, Plunges From Fifth Story

New York, March 20.—Mrs. Ellen Heney, editor of the "Woman's Magazine," published in Detroit, and writer of short stories, plunged five stories from her room to her death at her home today. She was delirious from typhoid fever at the time and made her way to a window during a brief interval in which her nurse had left the room for medicine.

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