

SIX AMERICAN LIVES LOST

OVERT ACT HAS BEEN COMMITTED

President Brought Abruptly to Face Most Critical Hour in Administration

By ROBERT J. BENDER
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, Feb. 27—Germany has clearly committed the actual overt act against the United States the commission of which can mean little less than the precipitation of open hostilities between the United States and Germany.

The sinking of the Laconia, according to the highest official interpretation, is a "clear cut case" no investigation being necessary as the case stands on its own merits. This is now known to be the attitude of the administration following a conference between President Wilson and Secretary Lansing this morning. While the official interpretation does not include the word "overt act" its spirit clearly implies or at least gives strong impression that the sinking of the Laconia, with the loss of American lives, constitutes such an act in the mind of the administration.

This view prevailed among most officials upon receipt this morning of confirmation of the report that the Laconia had been torpedoed without warning and that two American women had lost their lives. The sinking of the Laconia, therefore, brings the President abruptly face to face with the most critical situation in this country's relations with Germany since the Lusitania was sunk. "When the overt act comes," the President is said, "I will recognize it and so will the country." The sinking of the Laconia has brought this prophecy to sudden fulfillment.

No Declaration Of War

Though the Government considers the sinking of the Laconia the most serious incident that has yet occurred, it is not believed that the President has been yet brought to the point of asking for the declaration of war. It is said that the President wants now only money and the explicit power to protect American lives and American property at sea. Officials declare that the situation is now in the hands of Congress and that quick and positive action from that body should be forthcoming. At the same time the feeling is general that it is President Wilson who must bear the brunt of decision in this crisis and that upon his action hinges the fateful issue of the hour.

More Ruthless Than Ever

Some call the sinking of the Laconia more ruthless even than that of the Lusitania since Germany is regarded as having promised not to sink unarmed liners carrying American passengers. It is believed that as the details of the horrors of the sinking of the Laconia became known many who have heretofore been inclined to pacifism will be convinced that the nation's patience is exhausted. Both victims are from the middle west—where sentiment for keeping peace has been most strong.

Full details of the sinking of the Laconia are in the hands of the cabinet this afternoon.

H. G. Kramer returned Tuesday morning from a business trip to Hartford.

Mrs. John Barnard of Shawboro was in the city Tuesday shopping.

CONGRESS BALKS ON WILSON PLAN

Both House and Senate Committee Fail to Give Authority Asked For

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Washington, Feb. 27—The House Foreign Committee split today on the President's request for authority and failed to report the Flood Bill giving him power to act. The amendments offered were referred to the President. Another meeting was appointed for four o'clock.

A similar obstruction developed in the Senate also. The two points at which the minority in the House committee balked were the matter of arming merchant ships and the authorization of other instrumentalities than guns, gunners and money. Food ships, they agreed, could be armed. Some members are objecting to the President's position on submarine warfare holding that the time may come when the United States could use this weapon most effectively.

Tonight's Show At Alkrama

The special matinee this afternoon at five cents to everybody made a strong appeal and tonight's show has two strong drawing cards—Billie Burke, in Gloria's Romance, and Pauline Frederick in "The Slave Market."

"The Slave Market" which was written by Frederick Arnold Kummer and directed by Hugh Ford, is a thrilling romance of the Spanish Main, of pirates, love, hate, and all that goes with them. It is crammed full of action, from the time that Pauline Frederick steps upon the scene until, in a tremendous scene, Thomas Melghan, as a soldier of fortune, rescues her from the band of pirates who had placed her on sale in the slave market in revenge for the death of their leader.

NEW SPRING GOODS ARRIVING EACH DAY

Mr. O. F. Gilbert, proprietor of Mitchell's Department Store, has returned from New York City where last week he selected a large line of interesting items of his big Spring stock.

Mr. Gilbert says that each day brings in shipments of new goods for his big store. These are being unpacked and displayed as rapidly as possible and a visit at Mitchell's will prove a joy to those who want to know what's what for Spring Wear.

Mrs. T. M. Walker has returned from northern markets where she has been purchasing goods for the Walker Millinery Company.

HONOR ROLL FOR FEBRUARY

FIRST MONTH OF SECOND
TERM SHOWS GOOD WORK ON
PART OF LARGE NUMBER

The honor roll for the first month of the second term, ending February 16th, is as follows:

HIGH SCHOOL.
Pearl Hughes, Thelma Sykes, Della Williams, Maria Lowry, Janie Mercer, Elizabeth Nash, Helen Williams, Maude Leigh, Clarence Ashby, Graham Evans, Francis Seefort, Oscar Gregory.

**GRAMMAR SCHOOL
FOURTH GRADES**
MISS HOLT, TEACHER: Ruth Britt, Sarah Carter, Lena Genderson, Margaret Gordon, Rebecca Miller, Oscar Gaskins, Thomas Johnston, Oscar Williams.

Miss Cobb, teacher: Ada Betanga, Sarah Bray, Emily Commander, Mary Dozier, Elizabeth LeRoy, Elizabeth Harris, Mary Horner, Mary Harney Pritchard, Annie Mae Winslow, James Ballance, Oliver Evans, Joseph Ferebee, William Dudley, James Hill, William Scott.

Miss Weatherly, Teacher: Margaret Hollowell, Mary Lee Jackson, Margaret Nash, Nannie Mae Stokes Rachel Williams, Wilmer Ballard, Willie Dozier, Tommie Gray, Harold Gibbs, Willis Kaamer, John McMillan, Burgess Perry, Edward Old, Marion Seyfert.

FIFTH GRADES
Miss Faison, teacher: Helen Dawson, Mittie Fearing, Leora Griffin, Lillie Mae Harris, Ida Jones, Elsie Pugh, Elizabeth Mann, Rosa Lee Wood, Mary Owens, Vernon Davis, Bradford Sanders, Marvin Williams Paul Miller.

Mrs. Pearson, teacher: Margaret Commander, Lillian Harris, Helen Little, Ellen Melick, Mary Trueblood, Catherine White, Albert Bright, Harvey Dawson, Julian Hill, Zack Owens, Stuart Wood.

Mrs. Atwater, teacher: Margaret Bondurant, Wilbore Harrell, Joseph Porter, Joseph Spence, Earl Sutton, Charlton Woodley, Julian Ward, Guy White, Ernest Corbit.

SIXTH GRADES
Miss Lassiter, teacher: Annabelle Abbott, Millicent Hayman, Maggie Marden, Eva Walston, Raimel Lamb.

Mrs. Roberts, teacher: Pattie Burchell, Catherine Cook, Eliza Spencer, William Ballard, Charles Ashby, George Godfrey, Larry Skinner.

Mrs. Pool, Teacher: Emily Commander, Susie Rhoades, Leona Lewis, Cecil Carter, Erskine Duff, Weymouth Davis, Dennis Gaskins, Claiborne Quinn.

SEVENTH GRADES
Miss Elliott, teacher: Alma Hyaman, Margaret Mann, Margaret Chesson, Laura Pritchard, Elizabeth Etheridge, Eunice Goodwin, Goldie Stokes, Gertrude Stokely, Lottie Drinkwater, Dorothy Zoeller, Maude Ward, George Owens, Sidney Evans, Billy Houtz, Grafton Love.

Miss Harney, teacher: Sophia Davis, Elizabeth Hathaway, Esther Miller, Gladys Sexton, Annie White, Frank Dawson, Charlie Seyfert.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

FIRST GRADES
Miss Griffin, teacher: Joseph Baker, Essie Miller, Zene Bunch, Walter Mitchell.

Miss Stevens, teacher: Virgilia Braks, Grace Bell Dudley, Carrie Gard, Flora Griggs, Katherine Mann, Evelyn Puckett, Rebecca Stewart, Olive Pearl Skiles, Hallie Silverthorne, Elva Mae Swain, Bennie Anderson, Roy Boyce, Jas. Ferebee, John Kramer, Major Morrisette, Leslie Pool, William Puckett, Selby Stokes, Charlie Spear, Milton Self, Julian Raper, Robert Williams, Hallett Williams.

Miss Zoeller, teacher: Naomi Bagley, Josephine Britton, Lydia Cahoon, Margaret Fearing, Bula

18 Killed In Wreck

(By United Press)

Altoona, Pa., Feb. 27—Eighteen passengers were killed at Mount Union today when the Pennsylvania Mercantile Express was struck by a fast freight. The Pullman telescoped. NINE bodies were recovered. Immediate identification was difficult.

HICKSON PREDICTS THE FASHIONS

Hickson, the best known creator of tailored suits on Fifth Avenue makes the following fashion predictions in Harper's Bazar for March, now ready:

"Broadly speaking, the straight silhouette will continue, skirts will be noticeably narrower, jackets will be shorter, and an appearance of simplicity will be striven for. Perfect tailoring, plain cloth and bone or self-colored buttons are the striking features of nine out of ten street costumes, and even in top and motor coats plain fabric especially coverts, are more modish than the stripes and checks of a short time ago."

Ralph, Dorothy Richardson, Edna Sanderlin, Theresa Swain, Julian Aydtlett, Winfield Baker, Francis Jacobs, Charles Munden, Fearing Owens, Willie Twiddy, Bertram White, Nathan White.

Mrs. Fearing, teacher: Ruth Dozier, Margaret Gregory, Inez Hill, Louise Harris, Cornelia Jenkins, Monterey Lomax, Frances McClenney, Julia Tuttle, Vivian Turner, Rufus Bradley, Ernest Carter, John Chadwick, Rollins Daniels, Claudia Gregory, Aubrey Gallop, Elijah Harrell, Monford Jones, William Mettrey, Keth Sanders.

Mrs. Brooks, teacher: Helen Ball, Sude Baker, Violet Baker, Nellie Boseman, Mary Dudley, Lena Hopkins, Lucile Trueblood, Noreen Williams, Walter Albertson, Henry Bartlett, Ray Davis, Edward Gaskins, Bennie Genderson, Leo Richards, Charles Twiddy, Thomas Winslow, Earl White, Amos White, Adam Layden, William Hooker and Sam Forbes.

SECOND GRADES

Miss Willis, teacher: Monterey Cartwright, Katherine Duff, Mary Gladden Gregory, Helen Leigh, Hazel Long, Virginia LeRoy, Anne Melick, Maxine Shepherd, Ruth Williams, Billie Fearing, Bobbie Fearing, Roscoe Foreman, Woodward Hughes, Ernest Provo, Wilson Sanders, Russel Tasker.

Miss Bell, teacher: Helen Kramer, Carmine Lane, Mary Owens, Hazel Perry, Lillian Twiford, Margaret Wells, Allen Bell, Reuben Berry Oscar Meigs, Clarence Pritchard, Clarence Sanders, David Straghan, Archie Turner.

Mrs. Etheridge, teacher: Helen Bright, Margaret Connery, Ida Lassiter, Edna Morrisette, Julia Salter, Iva Mae Spruill, Martha White, Marvin Cartwright, Howard Johnson, LeRoy Tillett, Edward Walker.

THIRD GRADES

Miss Marshall, teacher: Olivia Benton, Katie Carter, Vivian Copeland, Ruth Gaskins, Walter Betts, Marshal Barkley, Frank Horner.

Miss Ferebee, teacher: Katherine Davis, Sarah Helen Lewis, Anne Midgett, Eunice Richardson, Mary Tarkington, Elizabeth Williams, Mary White Winslow, Laurence Aydtlett, Wilbur Madrin, Ronald Lowrey, Charlie Price, Edward Dunstan, Willbourne Smith, Claude West.

Mrs. Skinner, teacher: Minnie Lee Brackett, Camilla Hopkins, Camilla Jennette, Mary Louise James, Bonnie Parks, Ada Palmer, Billie Saunders, Annie Sealey, Elizabeth Thompson, Marjorie Skinner, Louise White, Lillian Wilkins, Carroll Abbott, Vernon Chappell, Walter Cahoon, Kennedy Houtz, William Perry, Joseph Pool.

AMERICAN CONSUL CONFIRMS REPORT

Women Victims of Exposure in Open Boat Buried At Sea

By United Press

New York, Feb. 27—A check of the various lists of survivors shows six Americans of the crew of the Laconia missing—probably dead.

GERMANS BLOW UP THEIR DEFENCES

BUT BRITISH ESTABLISH NEW LINE BEYOND OLD ENEMY LINE AND ARE PRESSING TO- WARD BAPAUME

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With the British Army of Flanders, Feb. 27—There seems to be every reason to believe that the present German retirement is by no means ended and will not be until the Teutons reach the line approximating the front between Arras and Cambrai.

Meantime the British continue to press forward constantly in touch with the Germans. The British pressure is toward Bapaume and their advance is rapidly pressed. The Germans are offering a stiff resistance with large guns evidently mounted on railway trucks ready for quick withdrawal. Just before retreating the Germans blew up their strongest defensive works, but this did not worry the British for the new British line is established far back of what was the old enemy line. The British have been informed that the Germans have been working for the past few weeks on a defensive line from Arras to Cambrai. Many explosions were heard at Bapaume and it is believed that the Germans are blowing up the earth for a strong subterranean fortification to be constructed there.

Program For New Theatre

Tonight's program at the New Theatre features "The Girl with the Green Eyes" with Katherine Kaehrel and Julian L'Estrange as stars.

Wednesday's matinee performance will show the very interesting drama "Saving the Family Name," presenting a new treatment of the stage and theatrical life. The play shows the influence for good or evil of young women in public life upon men of wealth and position in society and presents the actress in an entirely new light.

Leaves To Take New Charge

Rev. C. A. Ashby left Monday night for Raleigh where he takes up his duties as rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd.

London, Feb. 27—Two American women were among the thirteen killed in the unwarmed torpedoing of the Laconia, Mrs. Mary Hoy and Miss Elizabeth Hoy.

American Consul Frost made this report today, adding that the four other American passengers were saved. The women died of exposure in an open boat and were buried at sea. They were among the eight who survived the torpedoing, and later they succumbed. The six others are in hospitals. Two hundred and sixty-seven landed at Queenstown, fourteen arrived at Bantry. The total death list is thirteen.

COMPANY READY FOR BUSINESS

HAVE ELECTED DIRECTORS
AND OFFICERS AND EQUIPPED
OFFICES AT 14 POINDEXTER
STREET

The newly organized Grice-Whitehurst Insurance Company has elected the following officers:

F. M. Grice, Sr. Pres., C. E. Thompson, Treasurer; Jas. G. Gregory, Vice President; J. V. Whitehurst, Secretary. The directors are: C. W. Grice, secretary-treasurer of Norfolk and Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company; Jas. G. Gregory, Secretary-treasurer E. City Cotton Mills S. H. Johnson, Manager J. B. Flora Company; F. M. Grice, Sr., President Sharber & White Hardware Company; T. P. Nash, proprietor Nash's Feed Store; C. E. Thompson, of Ward & Thompson, attorneys; and J. V. Whitehurst.

While the company is a new one the members of the company are experienced insurance men, and their business will embrace insurance of all kinds.

TEACHERS MEETING SATURDAY

The Pasquotank County Teachers' Association will meet Saturday morning, March 10th, at 10:30 in the High School Building. Miss Lina DeLun is President of the Association and Miss Nina Widson is secretary. Superintendent W. M. Hinton meets with the Association and directs its study during the year.

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