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SUBMARINE ATTACK UPON ORDUNA AGGRAVATES LUSITANIA MATTER FOR WHICH GERMANY IS BLAMED

AMERICANS ABOARD AAS THE ATTEMPT WHEN TORPEDO AND TO TORPEDO LINER SHELLS ARE FIR' J WITHOUT WARNING?

ish Steamer Says Commander of Liner.

From Graveyard of the Lusitania.

New York, July 17 .- The Cunard liner Orduna, from Liverpool to New situation that has developed between York with 227 passengers including 22 the United States and Germany over ity," caused the loss of the steamship Americans, was attacked without warn- the sinking of the Lusitania was thrust Lusitania and its passengers, according by a German submarine on the another issue today, when it was re- ing to the findings of the court of inmorning of July 9, it was learned on vealed that the British steamer Ordu- quiry appointed to investigate.

the Lusitania, off Old Head of Kinsale, Should first reports of an attempt to ten feet of space, the German torpedo churning the water that was behind the liner's rudder. Then the Orduna sped away. She was followed by the manned a gun and shelled the fleeing

The attack was timed at ten minutes o six o'clock in the morning, when all but a few of her passengers were asleep. Aroused by stewards, the passengers dressed hurriedly and went to the upper deck where they donned life belts and took their places at the life boats. They heard the scream of the shells and saw the ocean spit up colwere ordered, for their own protection, to the next deck below.

For half an hour the Orduna showed her heels to the assailant. Through marine glasses the passengers watched the low lying German warship coming on, but the Orduna's flight was faster than the pursuit and after seven shots had been fired without effect, the submarine gave up the chase.

by the Orduna when the torpedo was seen. She was then 37 miles south of Queenstown. The reply, Captain Taylor says, in his official report, was that help would be given within an hour. It was four hours before the first British vessel, a small armored yacht, .the Jeannette, appeared.

Protest to Government. Protest will be made to the United American citizen, and possibly others, who were aboard. William O. Thompson, of Chicago, counsel to the Federal Industrial Relations Committee, who March and was returning to make his report, is the passenger who said today that he would make vigorous protest to his government.

in an official capacity by the govern- of its submarine commander on the ment to go abroad, I feel that I should circumstances of the attack. bring the government's attention to the attack," said Mr. Thompson.

ous that she was not sent to the bot- sion. tom with all aboard."

Was Bark Used as Shield? was sighted ahead shortly before the attack. Captain Taylor, suspicious of defense. the craft, changed his course. Soon the eafter the torpedo was sighted.

There was no certainty as to the identity of this ship that displayed two mans came without warning, the view painted American flags but one of the which impressed officials tonight was passengers thought that he made out her name to be "Normanie" through his glasses. There is no such vessel listed. The American bark Normandy was known to be in the vicinity at the When she reached Liverpool July 12, some of her crew said that a submarine had used her as a shield from which to maneuver against and torpedo the Russian steamer Leo-a would have no announcement to make

Orduna was attacked. The Norman- mit the statement of the Orduna's cap- think their complaints were ill-founddy's crew said the submarine had held tain for the information of the Amer- ed. There is no satisfactory evidence stood to be unanimously back of him sent by the University of North Carthem up on the evening of July 9. The ican government. Orduna was attacked the same day, but It had been confidently believed that

The Cunard Line made public late Count Von in the morning. today Captain Taylor's official report bassador, and press dispatches from the least warning of the attack and that Americans on board passenger vesthat "it was almost another case of sels, at least, would be safe from atbrutal murder." This report asserted tack. The incident increased the genthat the Orduna was attacked under eral uncasiness which has been felt ing the welfare conference of the ideal conditions for submarines—a since the last German note failed to Southern Employers at Blue Ridge, clear day, a gentle wind and a light give the assurances asked for by the near this city, listened to an address ripple, while most of the passengers United States.

Resolutions to Captain. dopted this resolution lauding Captain Taylor for his conduct: "We, the first class passengers on the steamship Orduna, on her memora-(Continued on Page Sixteen.)

Bearing on Note to Germany Being Prepared

Subjected to Hazards Contrary to the Law.

Washington, July 17 .- Into the grave na, carrying a score of Americans, had Twenty miles from the graveyard of been attacked by a German submarine. today, held that no blame attached

the Orduna escaped the Lusitania's torpedo without warning be borne out owners. fate by one-half a second of time or by an official investigation about to be instigated it was intimated in official act was done not merely with the inquarters that the United States possibly would regard the incident as add- lives of the people on board," the opinsubmarine which rose to the surface, ing a grave element to the already ion says, strained relations between the two

Lacking information as to the circumstances of the attack, officials were passesngers, in preventing a slight panic unable to predict tonight to what extent the case would aggravate the situation, but they thought the question would certainly compel serious consideration by President Wilson and his umns of water where the missiles cabinet in formulating the next step When the fire grew hot, they in the policy of the United States toward the activities of German submarines and the safety of Americans on the high seas.

Although the Orduna escaped unhurt this, in view of officials, does not relieve the case of grave possibilities. The fact that a belligerent merchant ship bound for the United States with Americans on board and without arms and ammunition or contraband cargo-A wireless call for help was sent out which has been the reason assigned for the provocation for previous attackswas assailed while her passengers slept, convinced many officials that the theory they had entertained of an actual change in the practice of German submarine commanders apparently had been dissipated.

One point on which the entire case. so far as the United States is concerned, may hinge, is whether any attempt States government by at least one was made to halt the Orduna by the customary warning signals, either by flag, megaphone or shots across the

bow of the vessel. As yet the case is not officially bewent abroad in his official capacity last fore the State Department, but as soon as some of the American passengers file their statements of what took place the question undoubtedly will be brought immediately to the attention "As an American citizen, employed of the German government for a report

The case is believed to be different from that of the Anglo-Californian "I feel that I had a right to return and the Armenian, which were ordered home on the Orduna, although she files to halt but repeatedly attempted to the British bag, because she is a pas- escape capture. According to the rules senger ship. The fact that she had no of international law, even though neumunitions of war aboard fortified this trals are on board, the use of force is opinion. It is little short of marvel- held to be justified to compel submis-

The captain and officers of the Orduna have stated that no warning or Whether the submarine hid behind signal had been given when the toran American ship—the bark Normandy pedo was seen streaking through the which passengers held varying opin- that any attempt made by the Orduna ions. A small sailing ship with two to escape was possibly justified. Her American flags painted on her side, subsequent actions, they believed, could be upheld in the interest of self-

Irrespective of whether or not a sig nal was given to the Orduna to halt or whether the shots fired by the Gerthat German submarines had not abandoned their attempts to destroy enemy passenger vessels whether carrying con similar to the rattling of a maxim gun, traband or not, and that American citizens seemed still to be subject to the hazards from which by previously ac- demeanor was very unsatisfactory and cepted rules of international law, they there was no confirmation of his story. should be immune.

Secretary Lansing said tonight he story that the Normandy's captain de- on the case until it was brought to his nesses about the manner in which the There were indications here that the attention in some official way by boats were launched, and about their President does not except to delay long Americans who were passengers on the leaky condition. I do not question the in notifying Germany of the position of large floral seal of the Bureau of proximately, from the place where the ship. The British embassy may sub- good faith of these witnesses, but I

> as the result of informal expressions of WELFARE CONFERENCE OF rnstorff, the German am-

The belief was general that when President Wilson laid the entire situation before the cabinet next Tuesday, cabin passengers met and formally there would be insistense by many were David Clark, editor of the Southcabinet officers for a much more emphatic pronouncement of the intentions of the United States than might otherwise have been the case, but for to(Continued on Page Two.)

Were David Clark, editor of the Southern Textile Bulletin; Prof. H. W. Nelson, of the State Agricultural College,
Mississippi, and C. C. Robinson, of New
York City, International Y. M. C. A.

LUSITANIA FOUND TO HAVE NO GUNS WHEN DESTROYED

No Warning Was Given Brit- Question Expected to Have a Her Owners and Captain Exonerated by British Court of Inquiry.

NO ONE WAS INJURED MAY ADD TO EMPHASIS ONLY GERMANY BLAMED

Scene of Attack Twenty Miles American Citizens Seem Still Destruction of Passengers as Well as Steamer Was Primary Purpose

> by a submarine of German national-The court, announcing its opinion

either to Captain Turner, commander of the vessel, or the Cunard Line, its tention of sinking the ship but also

with the intention of destroying the The court held that the lifeboat and lifebelt facilities were adequate; that he demeanor of the crew was above all blame, and that the conduct of the

when the steerage passengers came o ndeck, was praiseworthy. The court also found that the ship was unarmed and the cargo was a general one, the ammunition board consisting only of 5,000 cases of cartridges, from which there was no explosion.

A small gathering composed entirely of Lusitania survivors and their relatives listened to the reading of the findings by Baron Mersey. It was a distinct disappointment to the American survivors, who expressed indignant surprise at the portion which exonerated Captain Turner and

the Cunard line from all blame and commended the discipline of the crew. Several attorneys representing Amerreading of the judgment which may took two dips in the ocean today and have a great effect on actions brought shook hands with hundreds of persons. against the steamship company.

cins, of Chicago, survivors, and Wil- Monday. liam Crichton, of New York, whose wife

"No doubt there were mishaps in was no incompetence or neglect."

was fully advised by the admiralty as tives. Hundreds of persons watched to the course, but added in some re- him. spects he did not follow it. The court alty instructions were not intended to prevent Captain Turner from exercising his individual judgment and that his failure to follow the admiralty's advice to the letter was no reason for

vessel faster than any other boat on the Atlantic, said Baron Mersey, and said he found no reason to blame the Cunard company for that economy

during wartime. Relative to admiralty instructions, the court said that phase of the inquiry was in camera and that it would be contrary to public interest to discuss it. "Some passengers attempted to assist from Gulfport, Miss .- was a point upon | water. Officials here thought therefore | in launching the boats, and in my opinion, they did more harm than good, Lord Mersey said. "It is, however, quite impossible to

impose any blame on them. They were ill working for the best." The warnings issued by Germany before the ship left New York, the court found, only aggravated the crime of

her sinking. Of the testimony of a passenger declaring himself as a French subject who stated he had heard an explosion Lord Mersey said: "I do not believe this gentleman. His

in my opinion there was no explosion of any part of the cargo. "Complaints were made by some wit

that any of the boats leaked."

SOUTHERN EMPLOYERS.

Asheville, N.C., July 17 .- Representatives from ten Southern States attendthis evening delivered by E. A. Smith of the Newport, News Shipbuilding Company, on "Improving the Efficiency of American Labor." Other speakers

French Claim They Were Driven From Trenches.

NO WORD FROM EAST

Latest Reports Were That Teutonic Allies Are Pressing Their Offensive Against Warsaw-Fighting Also in Poland.

London, July 7 .- The Germans have een showing renewed activity in Lorraine, and early today they attacked the French trenches in the forest of Parroy, where, according to the French official report-the only official communication received up to a late hour tonight-they were repulsed. The French war office says also the

Germans suffered a defeat in the Vosges. On the remainder of the western front the two armies have engaged in violent artillery actions. These operations are of minor importance.

Of the major battles in the east which have for their object Riga and Warsaw, not a word has come through from either side tonight. From earlier London, July 14 .- "Torpedoes fired reports it is gathered that the German offensive, which now reached as far north as the district of Riga, is being heavily pressed, and that, although in several sections the Russians are retiring, no decision has been found so

> In addition to the advance on Riga there is stiff fighting on the Narew front, in northern Poland and the advance guards have been engaged between the Vieprz and Bug rivers, in outhern Poland Field Marshals Von Hindenburg and

> Von Mackensen are clearly acting in co-operation in the movement against Warsaw, one advancing from the north and west, and the other from the southbest. Probably it will be several days before the armies get into full swing. French Losses in War. Berlin, July 17, (By Wireless to Say-

> ville)-The Overseas Agency announced today that the German authorities had succeeded by various means in securing "accurate figures of the French losses in the great Arras battle. "These," the agency announcement

> says, "reached the grand total of 74,-800 in killed, wounded and captured.' THAW SHAKES HANDS

WITH ANXIOUS CROWDS. Spent Yesterday at Atlantic City-Took Dip in Ocean.

Atlantic City, N. J., July 17 .- Harry ican clients listened closely to the bail by the New York Supreme Court, Among the spectators were Walter but later he disregarded the gaze of Ware, representing the Vanderbilt the curious and went about as he pleasfamily; Major F. Warren Pearl and ed. He said he would go to Philadel-Mrs. Pearl, of New York, and F. B. Jen- phia Sunday and leave for Pittsburg

Thaw spent the morning in his room and at noon tried to take a stroll along the board walk. A crowd soon follownandling the ropes of the boats," Baron ed and he sought relief in a public Mersey said, "but in my opinion there bath house, where he hired a bathing suit and took a plunge in the ocean Baron Mersey found Captain Turner under the eyes of his private detec-

During the afternoon, he went on a poined out, however, that the admir- shopping tour and at 5 o'clock took his second bath. Wherever he went, Thaw was stopped by men and women who wanted to shake his hand.

Reduction of the Lusitania's speed from 24 1-2 to 21 knots still left the vessel faster than any other boat on WITHOUT LONG DELAY

Wilson and Cabinet Determined to Assert Rights.

Upon the President's Return to Washington Several Other Questions of Importance Will Be Taken Into Consideration.

Cornish, N. H., July 7 .- With his iews on the German situation in tenbegan preparing for his departure for dustry all over the country, by sus-Washington to take up with Secretary pended operations and closed mills, cabinet, the next step in the American of the mine safety movement. policy toward submarine warfare.

the United States. Members of his cabinet are under-

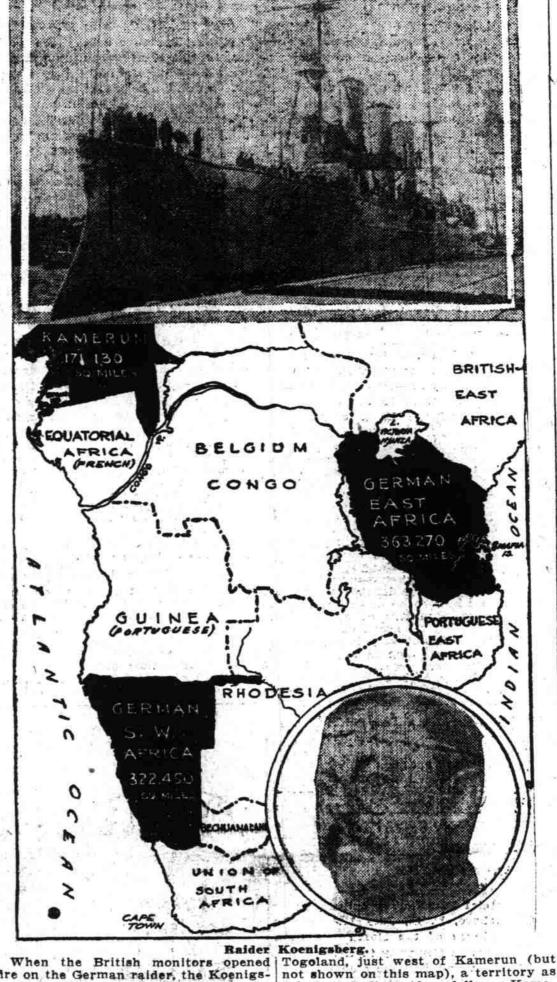
The German situation will be discussed in a general way at Tuesday's cab- Surgeon-General William C. Gorgas, of in which he stated that he received not Berlin concerning German submarines Representatives from Ten States at inet meeting, and a final decision is ex-

Department, go fully into the Mexican following members of the technical Other neutrals.

During his three weeks' vacation Mr.

Wilson's health has improved, and he Mrs. W. C. Munds, Messrs. W. H. and has gained several pounds in weight. James Sprunt, of Wilmington, when

Germany Losing an Empire in Africa.



had defeated the Germans, who had Union including Alaska. The defeat of the Koenigsburg will Bechuanaland, Rhodesia,

berg, in the Rufiji river in German large as Indiana, has fallen. Kame-East Africa, the other day, and after a run, which is much larger than the remarkable battle tore her to bits, al- German empire in Europe, is about lost. most the last defense of the Germans Thus Germany has practically lost

against British capture of the great an empire in Africa as large as the African territory fell. Just a few days whole area of the United States east of before that Gen. Botha, leading the the Mississippi river, and one-fourth forces of the Union of South Africa, as large as the whole territory of the been trying to hold German Southwest | Whatever may be the settlement of Africa for the fatherland. He had won the war there is no likelihood that to work before the middle of next

territory larger by half again than the Great Britain will give up any territory German empire in Europe, and he had taken from the Germans o in Africa. added that much to the British crown. Thus, with the Union of South Africa, puickly be followed, it is believed, by Southwest Africa, German East Africa, the conquest of German East Africa, and British East Africa, she will have which is nearly twice the size of the a contiguous empire as large as the

German Empire in Europe. Already United States. MINING INDUSTRY PAUSES AS TRIBUTE TO DR. HOLMES

Three Cabinet Members and Other Prominent Officials Honorary Pall Bearers at Funeral of Father of Mine Safety Movement—Operations Suspended Countrywide.

(Special Star Telegram.) Washington D. C., July 17 .- With attended the funeral. members of the cabinet, hundreds of North Carolinians, including the members of the North Carolina Society of Washington, and high officials Holmes, director of the Bureau of Mines, who died in Denver Tuesday, cut avenue and N. Street, Northwest. closed down all day. yesterday afternoon by the widow of all day. the scientist and his children:

While services were being held in tative shape, President Wilson tonight this city this morning, the mining in-Lansing and other members of his joined in the final rites for the father

The altar was banked with beautiful floral offerings, among them being a Mines given by employes of the bureau in this city, and a beautiful piece in his determination to assert the olina. Offices of the bureau throughrights of Americans to the "freedom of out the country were closed today in memory of Dr. Holmes. Secretaries Daniels, Lane and Wilson:

Rogers, director of the census; Charles inet meeting on Friday.

The President will leave here prepared to take up several important questions soon after reaching Washington. He will select, a successor to Mr. Lansing as counsellor of the State

Rogers, director of the census; Charles M. Galloway, civil service commission—
Mr. Galloway, civil service commission—
Mr. Wilson, chief clerk of the State M. Wilson, chief clerk of the Senate, and Gifford Pinchot acted as honorary pallbearers.

Goldsboro, N. C., July 17.—The members of the North Carolina Association of the State M. Wilson, chief clerk of the Senate, and Gifford Pinchot acted as honorary pallbearers included the bers of the North Carolina Association of the State M. Wilson, chief clerk of the State M. Wilson, chief clerk of the Senate, and Gifford Pinchot acted as honorary pallbearers included the bers of the North Carolina Association of the State M. Wilson, chief clerk of the Senate, and Gifford Pinchot acted as honorary pallbearers included the bers of the North Carolina Association of Senate, and Gifford Pinchot acted as honorary pallbearers included the bers of the North Carolina Association of the State M. Wilson, chief clerk of the Senate, and Gifford Pinchot acted as honorary pallbearers included the bers of the North Carolina Association of the State M. Wilson, chief clerk of the State M. Wilson, chief clerk of the Senate M. Wilson, chief clerk of the State M. Wilson, chief clerk of

among the out-of-town relatives who MANY MINES CLOSED

Virginia Tribute is Paid. Pittsburgh, July 17.-Many miners in of the government in attendance, Western Pennsylvania and West Virfuneral services for Dr. Joseph A. ginia were closed during the funeral today in Washington of Dr. Joseph A. Holmes, former United States director of the Bureau of Mines. Operations at were held at 11 o'clock this morning at some of the mines were only suspended the Church of the Covenant, Connecti- for a few hours, walle others were The Pittsburgh experiment station

The body was brought to Washington at the Bureau of Mines remained closed

DR. McCONNOUGHEY DEAD. Father of Miss McConnoughey, of Lumberton, Dies in Salisbury.

(Special Star Telegram.) Lumbereon, N. C., July 17 .- Miss Gerrude McConnoughey, who makes her home here with Miss Lizzie Caldwell, received a message today notifying day that the tonnage to June 25 this her of the death of her father, Dr. Mc-Connoughey, at Salisbury, last night. Miss McConnoughey, accompanied by Mr. R. D. Caldwell, left this evening for Salisbury to attend the funeral, which will be conducted tomorrow. The thermometer at the weather sta-

the season.

of Yellow Pine Sash, Door and Blind of last year, the value is said to have problem, and take up with Mr. Lan- staff of the Bureau of Mines; George S. Manufacturers met in quarterly con- fallen to less than 30 per cent. sing the proposed protest against in- Rice, Dr. C. L. Parsons, O. P. Hood, Dr. ference in this city today and were

FINANCING COTTON Standardized Warehouses and

Warehouse Receipts. MEDIUM OF EXCHANGE

Reserve Board Members and Bankers-Must Be First Ac-

cepted in South

New York, July 17 .- A proposal to standardize warehouses and warehouse receipts for cotton and other staple commodicies is being considered by members of the Federal Reserve Board, officer of the New York Federal Reserve Bank and the heads of several leading New York banks.

The subject was discussed at an informal meeting here yesterday attended by four members of the Federal Reserve Board. Although no action was taken, it is was learned today that the conferees expressed the view that a string of warehouses should be established under private ownership and uniform state laws so that receipts would become a standard of acceptance by banks and immediately be re-discountable at the Federal reserve institutions. In some Southern States, notably Louisiana and Texas, it was said, warehouses are under State supervision with good

The proposed standardization plan is calculated to render banking resources more flexible and extensive in the interest of the farmer. Bankers point out that there was need of a warehouse receipt that would be instanty accepted in any bank throughout the country. ter financing of the crops, particularly

The New York bankers informed the Federal Reserve Board members that any plan approved by their Southern correspondents would be acceptable. Members of the conference expressed the belief that the cotton crop could he financed this year without taxing the country's resources despite the absence of the usual large supply of foreign banking capital.

NO SETTLEMENT REACHED IN SOUTH WALES COAL DISPUTE.

No Hope of Resuming Work Before Middle of Week.

London, July 17 .- Members of the excutive council of the South Wales coal miners' organization who came to London to confer with President Runciman, of the Board of Trade, have returned to Cardiff, having found it impossible to reach a basis for new negotiations in the coal dispute. There is now no hope of the men returning week, if they do then. Already some industries in South Wales are being hampered by coal shortage.

Besides their original terms of which the principal demand was a 5 per cent raise in wages, the men now insist on the cancellation of the royal proclamation bringing miners under the "no strikes" act.

Meantime, the tribunal set up under this measure is preparing to act, and unless the meeting of miners' delegates at Cardiff Monday to receive the report of the executive council, shows some sign of compromise, the tribunal will begin sessions to try the men

guilty of striking. Steps are being taken to conserve coal supplies. Neutral steamers will be allowed only sufficient coal to carry

COTTON FERTILIZER SALES ARE DECREASED

In Western Pennsylvania and West More Than Fifty Per Cent. Under Last Year.

> Department of Agriculture Compares Figures Up to June 25 With Same Date Last Year-Production Not Affected.

Washington, July 17.- Use of commercial fertilizer for cotton as reflected in the sales of inspection tags to June 25, compared with sales to that date last year in the South, showed a decrease of 59 per cent. The Department of Agriculture announced toyear was 2,636,000 against 4,431,000 last

"The reduction in the absolute quantity of commercial fertilizer used," says the department, "does not measure the full extent of the loss in the production here went to 98 today, hottest of tive powers of the plant, from the lack of this usual supply of nourishment and stimulation. The quality of the fertelizer sold is much inferior to last MAKERS MEET IN GOLDSBORO year's supply because of the lack of the available supplies of potash. This

"On the other hand, Southern farmsing the proposed protest against interference by Great Britain of commerce between the United States and
other neutrals.

During his three weeks vacation Mr.

Wilson's health has improved, and he
has gained several pounds in weight.

Rice, Dr. C. L. Parsons, O. P. Hood, Dr.
G. A. Hulett, Dr. D T. Day and Mr. C.
E. Munroe. Interment was in Rock
were the guests of the A. T. Griffin
Manufacturing Company, of this city,
at the country club, where they were
has gained several pounds in weight.

James Sprunt, of Wilmington, with given an old fashioned barbeeue.