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MAJORITY OF SUSSEX SURVIVORS SAY THE SHIP WAS TORPEDOED

Will be Forwarded to Wilson for

Decision in Englishman and

Sussex Cases.

cient to Convince the Officials

That Sussex Was Torpedoed

by a Submarine.

Washington, March 26 .- Official in

formation upon which President Wil-

son will decide whether the sinking of

the steamship Englishman and the

damaging by an explosion of the chan-

nel steamer Sussex were the result of

acts in violation of international law

is being gathered from every avail-

of the United States in England and

kind tonight momentarily was expect-

Dispatches already received indi-

vessel in distriss, were read with in-

injured, were declared to be safe in a

Information regarding the Sussex

victim of a submarine attack. One

member of the cabinet who discussed

The administration, while fully real-

will take no decisive action unless

proof positive is forthcoming. The

been torpedoed the United States would

conduct of submarine warfare which

In this connection it is probable that

Englishman and the Sussex are known.

Anxiety in Tubantia Case.

The State Department also is await-

ing with some anxiety information

concerning the sinking of the Dutch

liner Patria still were before Secre-

by J. A. Sterret, a son-in-law.

ed by the State Department.

Greater Part of Those Who Have OFFICIAL DATA Torpedo Was Seen.

GERMAN SHIP REFUSED AID?

Reported That Nieuport XIX, Belgian Ship Seized by Germans, Screened U-Boat.

PERHAPS OVER FIFTY LOST

Woman Killed-Two Others Possibly Perished.

PRIVATE CABLEGRAM SAYS

Washington, March 26. - A private cablegram received here today by relatives of Prof. J. Mark Baldwin, one of the American passengers of the Sussex, read: "All safe." With Prof. Baldwin on the Sussex were his wife and daughter, Miss Elizabeth Baldwin, reported in various dispatches to have been killed. The message was dated at Boulogne to-

BALDWINS ARE ALL SAFE

Paris, March 26. - The great jured or killed in the Sussex disaster. Mexican bandits. of other nationalities, who have ine rescued still are unaccounted for. reached France, assert the vessel Only one dispatch of importance conwas torpedoed and that there is cerning the explosion which damaged the Sussex was received by the State no question of any warning having Department during the day. This conbeen given. None of them saw a tained an affidavit made in London at the American embassy, by two mine or indications of one, where-as the greater part of those whose twice have been given assent that stories have been given assert that occurred "without the slightest warnthey saw the wake of a torpedo.

Count B—, a Belgian army offi- the sussex as saying that he saw cer, who was on the Sussex, states h-s vessle. that the reason a periscope was not officials seemed to consider significant observed is that near the Sussex had to do with a strange sailing veswas a merchantman which bore on sel which hovered near the Sussex after the explosion and which, in reits hull the name Nieuport XIX. sponse to signals for assistance from He states that this vessel approach- the channel steamer, sailed away and disappeared. Press dispatches quoting ed the Sussex and screened the a Belgian army officer as saying that submarine as soon as the explosion the submarine probably had hidden beoccurred. According to this ac- ently disregarded all the traditions and count, the Nieuport XIX, a Belg- laws of the sea in failing to succor a ian steamer seized by the Germans, terest. sailed away without lending aid.

From Fifty to Eighty Victims. The total number of victims is still unknown. It is estimated variously at cablegram dated today in Boulogne reto 80. Of the Americans it now is ceived here tonight from Prof. Baldwin regarded as certain that Miss Elizabeth Baldwin was killed. It is believed her father, Prof. J. Mark Baldwin, was which had been received thus far did lost and that possibly Mrs. Baldwin not, high administration officials said,

Miss Edna Hale, an American resident of London, with relatives and the situation with the President said friends in New York, told The Associat- that the reports at hand were by no ed Press that the captain of the chan- means conclusive. nel steamer Sussex expressed the opinon that his vessel was struck by a lizing the possibilities of the situation orpedo as he saw its "silver streak." should the indications in press dis-Miss Hale thinks, however, the disaster patches be borne out in official reports, was caused by a mine.

"We were about half way across," and injured. I should say ten or twelve the Sussex or the Englishman have of this number were Americans. Among the killed was Miss Baldwin, consider the act to be a most flagrant who was with her father. She was violation of the rights of humanity, the struck on the head. There were not principles of international law, and many children on board and so far as the broad assurances regarding the I know all of them are safe.

The explosion occurred in the bow have been given by the German govand had it been in the center of the ernment. There is no evidence, or even snip the loss would have been terri- a suggestion, that either of the ships As it was, nine of the 15 men in was armed. saloon were killed. Among those who lost their lives was a Persian the United States will not issue for prince, who had just been joking about the benefit of the European belligerent his 'safety waist coast' when he was the proposed statement of its position flung into the sea. A French officer's regarding submarines and amed ships, son who was going to the front had until after the facts regarding the both legs cut off. "We all did what we could to help

There is no manner of doubt what- liner Tubantia. As far as is known ever, that the channel steamship Sus- here divers still are investigating the

association correspondent, deposes a unlikely also that action will be taken week-end parties. The dead: Statement which says that "on Friday in this case until after additional de- Mr. and Mrs. James B. Walthall;

about o'clock in the afternoon while tails regarding the Sussex and Eng- Judge J. E. Webb, and Homer Jones, all dozen Americans were watching from lishman are received. the bridge a great explosion occurred Chairman Stone, of the Senate For- Galveston; Helen Cockrell, maid at the the fore part of the vessel with- eign Relations committee, has an ap-

er have disappeared. Hearley thinks to view the situation with an open capes many being forced to jump from

leck wounded in the head. "Samuel S. Bemis, of Harvard Uni- Englishman. versity, deposes that the explosion oco show there was the least danger and Jews from all sections of this country death together. many persons were thrown into and Canada opened a conference here James Walthall, 45 years old, was the bridge of the Sussex and that while mands for civic and religious liberty formerly Miss Mary Carson, of Indian-

Difficult Mexican Problem and Forward Part of the Ship Torn Pershing Points Out Difficulty for Sinking of Steamer Sussex Disturbing Factors.

Republicans Meet Today to Discuss Situation Along the Border-Leaders Contend President Should Be Left Alone.

Washington, March 26 .- Foreign reship bearing American citizens, again Congress over the warning issue, is regarded by champions of the proposal that Americans should be warned not to travel on belligerent ships as likely to provoke revival of discussion in Con-

Administration leaders, however, insisted tonight that the President should be left with a free hand to deal with the case after full investigation and every effort will be made to prevent agiable source by consular representatives | tation in Congress.

Senate Republicans, who conferred France. Tangible evidence of some Saturday regarding Mexican affairs, will confer again tomorrow with a view ican military forces on the border. The Republicans have been deluged with threw over rafts and seats to them. cate that several Americans were in- telegrams from border citizens, who ear they are in danger of attack by majority of the survivors of the Four American citizens who were hope to outline a definite plan of ac-Sussex, both Americans and those aboard the Englishman and who were tion tomorrow. It is proposed either a resolution or draft the resolution in win

Claim Not Playing Politics. are not playing politics, that they enpursuit of Villa, but believe the administration should send more troops to the border states. What effect President Wilson's Saturday night statement warning the public against sinister and alarming reports of boring," and they credited the commander der conditions may have on the Repubof the Sussex as saying that he saw lican conference was not apparent to-

Democratic leaders are inclined to view the action of the minority senathe majority in Congress stands ready to take any action, with respect to Mexico that developments may re-

Leaders in both houses are hopeful that foreign affairs will not become more critical and monopolize the attention of Congress just when the legislative programme is being whipped into workable shape with prospects for army reorganization bill will be sub-Senate bill. An effort will be made to get the bill up for general debate after the passage of the Indian appropriation bill, which is expected some time

In the House there still are fears of a protracted session unless the speeding up programme outlined by the Democratic caucus last week is closely followed. Members asso are chafing to get away early for the coming campaigns, and will not be inclined to cause unnecessary delays.

This to be Busy Week. The House committees will be busy pected to consider the caucus plan. The naval committee will wind up its hear-(Continued on Page Two)

The sea was quite smooth. I think cided upon official reports from its own there must have been 100 persons lost onicers. Should it develop that either **COUNTRY CLUB BURNS**

> Fashionable Place at San Antonio Destroyed Yesterday.

Five of the Victims Guests at the Club For the Week-end-Fifteen Others Asleep in Building Have Narrow Escape.

San Antonio, Aexas, March 26 .- Six Persons lost their lives eaerly today in sex was torpedoed without warning," wreck to determine the cause of the the burning of the fashionable San An-Says an official statement issued here disaster. Affidavits regarding an al- tonio Country Club. Five of the vichight based upon affidavits made by leged torpedo attack upon the French tims were guests at the club which John Hearley, Albany, N. Y., a press tary Lansing today. It is considered was the scene last night of several

of San Antonio; Mrs. Mace Stewart,

warning and that three Americans pointment to confer with President The fire started in some paint stored least saw the passage of the tor- | Wilson tomorrow, when the general in the basement of the three-story Professor Baldwin, wife and daugh- Washington tonight seemed willing asleep in the building had narrow esmind, but there was no attempt to min- the second story windows. Mrs. Stewsaw Miss Baldwin stretched on the should it develop that a German tor- with Homer Jones started back to respedo damaged the Sussex or sunk the cue Judge Webb whose hearing was affected and who, they feared ,had not been awakened. The three were caught without the slightest warning Philadelphia, March 26 .- Prominent in the dense smoke and went to their

sea, that some were killed and today to fix the date and place for formerly attorney general of Texas. Ome wounded, that he saw bodies on holding a Jewish congress to voice de- His wife was a brice of 12 months,

IS AGAIN GLOOMY SLIGHTEST WARNING

Away by Explosion Which is Bandit Leader.

haps Loss of Twenty-Five or Thirty People-Affidavit of

Described as Roaring.

Washington, March 26 .- A graphic lations of the United states as affected story of the explosion which damaged by the difficult Mexican situation and the English channel steamer Sussex tion into Mexico is not looked for by and the events which followed, is told in a joint affidavit, signed by Edward forces in the field, according to advices are disturbing the minds of leaders in H Huxley and Francis E. Drake, both received here today. It was asserted Congress. The apparent torpedoing of of New York, and forwarded to the the channel steamer Sussex, coming State Department today by Ambassa- eral Pershing announced that the peosoon after the President's victory in dor Page, at London. The affidavit ple of the United States should not

talking, a little less than half way the slightest warning there occurred a loud roaring explosion. Wreckage and tons of water were thrown in the a ir, higher than the masts and the water came down on the boat as far back saw the forward part of the ship, inmen jumped overboard at once and we We then went to help the women into the life boats and afterwards to help saw at least 13 severely wounded and

ing off one hundred yards. Of the oth- that may arise. watching, we decided that as the ship garrison Columbus. was apparently not sinking we would | Captain Richmond Smith, in vessel three miles away which had attack Columbus. been standing by for some time was and colored flares were sent up but the body was the second of three to be ship continued her course and disap- found. That of H. J. McKinney was peared in the distance. The wireless found several days ago horribly mutisaid it was very difficult to receive tree. because the forward mast was gone

up and took off the women and children and half the men and Miss Baldwin, who was unconscious. Then four or five boats came up and we, with the remaining passengers, were taken on a British ship. With us there were seven wounded, five men and two wo-One man died on the way to hulk, but apparently no Americans were among them. We arrived in Engwere transferred to a nearby hospital The first officer (at least a commissioned officer) of the rescuing British ship told us that the captain the Sussex had reported to the captain of the British ship that he saw clearly the wake of a torpedo. He ported his helm hard and in a few seconds longer would have escaped it. No life beits were given to the passengers and we found them with great difficulty after the explosion had taken place. In our opinion the explosion ook place about 50 feet from the bow and apparently on the starboard. We solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowl-

THOMAS J. PENCE FAST SINKING LAST NIGHT

Physician Announces He Has But Few More Hours to Live.

Chances Against His Being Able to Pass Through the Night-In Hospital Three Months with Complication of Diseases.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Washington, D. C., March 26-Thom- steamer had just been torpedoed as J. Pence, secretary of the Demo- was sinking. submarine question may be discussed. frame club house. About 15 guests cratic National Committee, is sinking - The Leicestershire went at full speed that acting upon special orders of Gen- troops advanced, after the successful rapidly, and Dr. Carey T. Grayson, his to the assistance of the Minneapolis eral Carranza, he was again giving explosion of a mine, as far as a pophysician, said tonight that Tom would sunk. The fate of the crew was not treaty, and that a Mr. Arredondo at ance with its plans returned with a Tingle W. Culbertson, declared that imize the gravity of the situation, art had escaped from the building but not live many hours. "He may live known to Captain Bibby. through tonight," said Dr. Grayson, "but the chances are against him."

Mr. Pence was taken to a local hosdays did those who have watched his American ports and London. case give up hope.

Pam, of Chicago, was elected perma- nent member of the bar. Mrs. Stewart cation of heart, kidney and liver trou- the Uanium line steamer Volturno was men and children are asked to make "An extensive explosion in the Vos-

Any Force to Surround the

MAY COME UP IN CONGRESS GIVE GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION BORDER FORCE INCREASED

Several Thousand Negro Infantrymen and Two Squadrons of Cavalry Reach Columbus, N. M .- Use of Militia Discussed.

Columbus, N. M., March 26 .- A speedy termination of the American expedi-General Pershing, commander of the that following a staff conference Genplace too much confidence in reports "At five minutes past three when that Francisco Villa, the factional leadwe were about an hour and a half from er, whose command attacked this town Folkstone, we were seated on the deck several weeks ago, had been bottled up either by American forces or by back on the starboard side. Without Mexican troops: The nature of the country, it was pointed out, renders is difficult for any force to surround tain passes with almost impassable trails offering a means of escape. While cluding part of the bridge and the for- ing does not attempt to predict the to action toward enlargement of Amer- ward mast, gone. Some men and wo- length of time American troops may punitive force was related in a detailbe in Mexican territory it was inti- ed report by General Pershing that mated that the period may extend into reached General Funcion here today.

months.

helpea with five ourselves, Among from unofficial sources, indicated that said in dispatches were not among to appoint a special committee to draft these were Dr. Penfield and Miss Bald- with (deleted) trooped in the field, American military authorities believe a sufficient number of men of all arms One of these capsized with its passen- of the service have been concentrated We lowered one boat ourselves, at La Ascencion, Casas Grandes, Co-"Of the remaining five boats, three lonia Dublan and other American were filled with passengers and stand- field points to meet any emergency

er two one was nearly full of water | Several thousand negro infantrymen and contained only be nen. We did and two squadrons of cavalry, who not see the sixth boat. We know of have arrived in the last few days, are only three Americans who got into the to remain on vacation here, it was aslife boats, Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin and serted. The cavalrymen will assist in Miss Baldwin. After ten minutes of the border patrol and the infantry will

stay with her. After the small boats mand at Boca Grandes, reported by had been standing by for an hour they wireless that his men had found and were hailed and the people brought buried the body of Cook O'Neill, murback on board. About dusk a sailing dered by Villa's command on its way to

O'Neill was one of the three ranch signalled by rockets and waiving of hands of the Palomas Land & Cattle blankets. At least 30 exploding rockets Company murdered at that time. The remained intact, though the operator lated and hanging from a cotton wood

Reports received from the front indicated that with moderating weather toers remained intact as we could see day American troops are not sufferthe steam from them and the electric ing so greatly from the cold for which

they were not equipped.

Discuss Using State Militia Efforts of the New Mexico authortroops in the policing of a number of conference between Major W. R. Sample, commandant of the base here, and ...e New Mexico National Guard. Several towns where Mexicans ar employed in mines have appealed for protection. Among these are Daming, Hachita, Lordsburg, Rincon, City, Santa Rita and Morenci. General Herring said he is making personal investigation of conditions in these towns and if he finds any ba-

sis for fears which have been express-(Continued on Page Eight.)

VICTIM OF SUBMARINE

British Liner Sent Down Wednesday in Mediterranean.

Fate of Crew Unknown.

Marseilles, March 26 .- The British iterranean last Wednesday by a submarine, according to captain Bibby, of the British steamer Leicestershire, which has arrived here from Rangoon. Captain Bibby reports that while in the Mediterranean last Wednesday he military commandant, called attention from the successful explosion of a received a wireless call for help from to Article 21 of the treaty of Guadalupe mine at a point northeast of Vermelthe Minneapolis which said that the Hidalgo, signed February 22, 1848, in les. An observation post of the enemy

The Minneapolis, a steamer of 13,543 tons gross, owned by the Atlantic appeal through the press for a supreme south of Rheims, was unsuccessful. Transport Company, late shipping recpital three months ago. Though a very ords do not give the movements of sick man, his friends and his physician the vessel, which probably was in the money. Labor unions, government emtillery increased at various points unhad hoped that he would be able to British government service. Prior to ployees and others are called upon to til it attacked considerable intensity. pull through. Only within the last ten the war, the Minneapolis plied between make weekly contributions in bills In the Caillette wood, southeast of Fort

The Minneapolis was one of Mr. Pence is suffering with a compli- steamers which did rescue work when These depositions are confirmed by nent chairman. Louis D. Brandeis was the wife of Mace Stewart, president of the Little Guaranty Company, of the Little Guar

AIR RAID BY BRITISH RESULTS IN A NAVAL FIGHT WITH GERMANS

MEXICANS ALLOW VILLA TO ESCAPE

Little Reason to Believe He Was Badly Beaten or Weakened by De Facto Troops.

Colonel Dodd's Forces Almost 250 Miles South of Border-Preblem of Provisioning the Men Growing More Serious.

San Antonio, Texas, March 26.-Franisco Villa has escaped from the Mexican troops that had checked him near Namiquipa and three columns of Ameri- | Copenhagen correspondent reports border and unless Mexican forces bring the elusive bandit to a stand, this distance will be greatly increased by the Villa's success in extricating himself

from the dangerous position into which

he had been driven by the American General Funston forwarded the republic any but the essential features. Colonel Dodd is commanding the adafter Villa and his men and General Braunschweig and Otto Rudolf. Pershing has divided his forces so as to provide supporting columns along the thinly stretched lines of communications from his most advanced base at El Valle. From El Valle another line is

the border is maintained. General Pershing himself is somewhere south of Casas Grandes directing the work of holding together his corces and directing so far as possible the operations of of Sylt during an air raid on northern Colonel Dodd. Cavalry is being used along the lines communicating with El cial communication issued today. The Valle where a detachment of infantry is stationed.

The aeroplanes are at El Valle and nigh winds that have been sweeping that part of Mexico for almost a week subside. These winds, according to General Pershing, have made effective assistance by the aeroplanes imposmission They were damaged in the lights from Columbus to Casas Gran-

Villa Perhaps Not Weakened.

Details of the operations about Namiuipa that concluded with the escape of Villa were not revealed but there is ittle reason to believe that he was badfighting directed against him by the de facto government troops. Reports last week from Mexican sources indicated that he had been severely defeated by the Carranza forces and a few reports stated that American troops had participated in the action. t now appears that no Americans were actually engaged and the fact that Villa made his way through what was described as an encircling line of Mexican troops, was taken to indicate that

ne was the victor. Unless fresh Mexican forces are sent to meet Villa there appears no reason why he should not make his way unin terrupted into the mountains of the Guerrero district towards which he apears to be moving. Once there it is conceded his cap-

ure will be difficult, and should be nto the south there are trails over which he might move his little army until a juncture is made with one or nore of his roving organizations in the destroyer Luverock and it is fearouthern Chihuahua or northern Duran-

If Villa moves into the districts furher south, more troops will be necessary to capture him and their provisecome practically an impossibility. to service today along the line between es it would appear that this opera-Columbus and Casas Grandes and 27 tion which was carried out within the more were reported to be on their way enemy's waters ,achieved its object." from the factory but bad weather and heavy roads make uncertain that method of getting supplies to the front. The escape of Villa and his renewed flight towards the south, officers say, make the use of at least one of the eb to Chihuahua, almost essential to the

Mexico City, March 26.-A telegram from Secretary of War Obregon receivthich the United States and Mexico fell agreed to settle all disputes by aribtra- | ish dugouts were destroyed. Northeast tion. Secretary Ohregon's message said of Neuville a small division of German Washington had been sent a copy with number of prisoners. similar instructions. The women of the republic issued an tack in the region of LaPompelle fort,

the treasury. In addition men, wo- vantage of the Germans.

Two German Armed Trawlers Are Sunk and Three British Aeroplanes Are Missing.

WARSHIP

Attack Made by Aeroplanes on the German Airship Sheds at Schleswig-Holstein.

BRITISH "ACHIEVE OBJECT"

Berlin Claims the Missing Airmen Were Made Prisoners.

London, March 26. - Dispatches from Esbjerg, Denmark, to the Berlingske Tidende, says Reuter's a great naval battle between the German and British fleets some three miles off the Graady lightship, at midday today. The dispatch adds that Tondern, in Schleswig - Holstein, has been bombed by five aeroplanes.

A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Copenort to Washington without making hagen says two German armed trawlers sunk by the British outvanced columns that are riding hard side Sylt harbor were named

> BERLIN CLAIMS AT LEAST THREE CRAFT BROUGHT DOWN

> Berlin, March 26 .- (By wireless) .-- , Not less than three British hydro-aeroplanes, among them a fighting aeroplane, were brought down today by German guns on and about the island crews were taken prisoner. Bombs dropped in the district of the

Hoyer watergate did no damage, says the statement, which follows: panied by a cruiser squadron and a flotilla of destroyers, five English hydroplanes starting yesterday morning for attack against the German aeronautic establishments in northern

"Not less than three of them, among on and about the island of Sylt. The inmates of the machines who were made prisoners are four English offiers and one non-commissioned officer. "Bombs were only thrown in the district of the Hoyer watergate. No

LONDON ANNOUNCES THREE

AEROPLANES ARE MISSING London, March 26 .- Three British aeroplanes which took part in the raid on German airship sheds in Schleswig-Holstein yesterday are missing. Two Ger-British destroyer is believed to have men was issued tonight.

"An attack by British seaplanes was delivered yesterday morning upon German airship sheds in Schleswig-Holstein, eastward of the island of Sylt. rendezvous close to the German coast. by an escorting force of light cruisers and destroyers under Commodore Tyr-

part in the attack are missing. The destroyer Medusa was in collision with ed that in the stormy weather which prevailed last night the Medusa may felt as to the safety of the crew. Two German armed patrol vessels were sunk by our destroyers.

"No detailed report has yet been received but from Danish press messag-

GERMANS CLAIM ADVANTAGE IN HAND TO HAND FIGHT

Berlin, (via London), March 26 .- After violent artillery exchange in the railroads and possibly both, from Juar- Verdun region yesterday there were hand-to-hand encounters near Fort Douaumont, resulting advantageously for the Germans, the war office statement of today says. On the eastern WITH THE UNITED STATES front the Russian attacks were renewed with strong forces, but were beaten off with heavy losses to the assailants. The statement says: "We obtained good results yesterday

"A French attempt at a counter-atwhich it is planned to burn in public Douaumont, hand-to-hand encounters squares instead of turning them into during the night terminated to the ad-

dollar dropped today to two cents. (Continued on Page Eight.)

being rescued he saw two persons throughout the world. Judge Hugo apolis, Ind. Judge Webb was a promi-