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U-BOAT LINER BACK AT DOCK ON ACCOUNT OF FATAL COLLISION

FEDERAL INQUIRY INTO THE SINKING OF THE TUG SCOTT

Officers of the Deutschland, Which Rammed the Vessel Early Yesterday, Testify

WAS PURELY AN ACCIDENT

Submarine Damaged Slightly.

Capt. Koenig Expresses Regret Over Loss of Lives

New London, Conn., Nov. 17.—The collision which caused the merchant submarine Deutschland to abandon her return voyage to Germany almost at its outset early today, when a convoying tug, the T. A. Scott, Jr., was sunk with a crew of five men, was the subject of Federal investigation this afternoon.

The United States inspectors of steam vessels heard, through witnesses, of the conditions under which the submarine slipped out of the harbor in the darkness so that she might submerge in neutral waters before day break, ran down the tug which was acting as her protector, off Race Point, just outside the tug's bow, and, according to the testimony of Captain Koenig, of the Deutschland; from F. W. Krapohl, his chief engineer, and from Hans Kleese, his chief engineer. It was given in secret but it became known through statements outside the chamber that the collision was an accident.

Survivors who would discuss the matter were agreed that it was due to a combination of swift currents, which carried the tug off its course, and across the bow of the submarine and to the darkness which was to be the Deutschland's medium of safety, but which instead prevented ready observation of the danger ahead.

Before the inspectors fix blame for the loss of the Scott and her crew, they will hear testimony of Captain Frederick Hirsch, an official of the Eastern Forwarding Company, who was the only survivor on the tug. Captain Hirsch was thrown from the deck-house on which he was standing into the rushing water of the race, where he was rescued, almost exhausted, by the crew of the tug Cassie, following behind. Captain Hirsch was unconscious after the accident and tonight was still so exhausted that it might be several days before he can testify.

Captain Harry Baker, of the Cassie, and some of his crew also will be called to tell of their observations.

Deutschland Slightly Damaged. The Deutschland's return will be delayed only a few days by the damages which she sustained and not at all by the fact that inquiry is being made. Examination of her bow today showed that three plates had been stove to a degree described by some as a "hole" and others "a dent." Her stern was twisted to starboard but the general structure of the submarine was said to be firmly in place, notwithstanding the force of the impact which sent the tug to the bottom within a few moments.

The men of the T. A. Scott, Jr., had no chance for their lives. They went down in the pilot house, the engine room and galley and undoubtedly perished at their posts. Their bodies have not been recovered.

Those Who Were Drowned. The dead are: Captain John Gurney; William A. Caton, engineer; Edward Stone, fireman; Clarence B. Davidson, cook; Eugene E. Hildner, steward. The Deutschland had moved quietly out of her protected pier early this morning and slipped down the Thames River to the sound, under convoy of tugs. She carried a cargo estimated at about \$2,000,000, composed principally of rubber and metals. High Germany needs in the making of munitions of war.

To starboard was the T. A. Scott, Jr., slightly advanced and acting as pilot. The submarine was moving on the surface at a speed of about 10 knots, was about 600 yards behind, and half a mile astern the tug Cassie followed additional protection. Reaching the race the additional vessels slowed down to cross the eddy currents of the passage at slower speed.

Tug Caught in Current. The tide runs swiftly through the race, and one of the rips, apparently caught the tug unaware. This appeared to be so to Captain Koenig, who, with Chief Officer Krapohl, was on the Deutschland's deck. In the darkness the T. A. Scott, Jr., was forced to the submarine's course. The collision resulted without discovery by any one of its immensity and the tug sank almost at once.

The Deutschland was able to return to her dock unassisted and in fact could have continued her voyage without great danger, according to one official who saw her today, as her damage did not extend below the light water. (Continue on Page Eight).

A. P. THOM BEFORE NATIONAL COUNCIL

Tells of Suggestions Railroads Will Make to Joint Congressional Committee

8-HOUR LAW IS DISCUSSED

Mr. Adamson Thinks Congress Will Pass Supplemental Legislation Before Report on Investigation Has Been Made.

Washington, Nov. 17.—Some of the suggestions the railroads will make to the joint congressional investigating committee which begins hearing on transportation questions here Monday were outlined today at a special meeting of the National Council of the United States Chamber of Commerce by A. P. Thom, counsel for the railway executives' advisory committee.

Mr. Thom said the railroads would ask for: A Federal incorporation law for interstate railroads; a measure enlarging the Interstate Commerce Commission and creating regional bodies under it with original jurisdiction in rate questions; subject to appeal by carriers or shippers to the entire commission; amendment of the act to regulate commerce so as to reduce to 60 days the present period of 10 months during which the Interstate Commerce Commission may hold a field railroad tariff in suspension, and authority to the commission to fix minimum as well as maximum rates such as it alone has at present.

Brotherhood Chiefs Decline. The National Council has given a place to representatives of the railroad brotherhoods on its programme for the afternoon but the secretary announced that telegrams had been received from W. S. Carter, of the Firemen, and L. E. Sheppard, acting for Grand Chief Garretson, of the Conductors, saying they could not arrange to be present. No replies to invitations had been received, he said, from the other two brotherhood leaders.

Mr. Thom's presentation of the railroad suggestions was preceded by speeches which brought the railroad eight-hour law square before the council. Representative Adamson, author of the law, declared he believed it constitutional, but thought Congress would enact supplementary legislation before the congressional investigating committee reports to make impossible another situation such as confronted the nation when the brotherhoods threatened to strike. Mr. Adamson said he was opposed to government ownership of railroads and to the abolition of the railroads. (Continue on Page Eight)

SAYS CASUALTIES OF ALLIES OVER 600,000

German Military Critic Sums Up Drive in Somme Region

Says Attacks on the Ancre and Near Pressure Prove the Entente Has Abandoned Plan to Break German Line

Berlin, via Sayville, Nov. 17.—Concerning the recent fighting in France, the military critic of the Overseas News Agency, says: "The attacks on the Ancre and near Pressoire prove that the Entente has desisted definitely from the original plan to break through the German front in the Peronne-Bapaume sector. After 186 heavy and bloody days of battle which caused more than 600,000 casualties to the Anglo-French, they are not yet masters of this small sector on the Somme. Moreover they are compelled to make secure the flanks of their advanced positions, obtained with enormous waste of material and men after four months and a half, further considering a plan for a further advance.

"In the Ancre the German position formed an angle already half encircled. In spite of the permanent pressure against the Beaumont-Beaucourt leg, situated north of the Ancre, and the Thiépval-Courcellette leg, south of the Ancre, the British had been unable to push back the defenders from this position. The tenacious resistance finally forced the enemy to concentrate a superior force of men and artillery in order to remove it.

"On November 12 the Serre-Beaumont sector and the vicinity of Courcellette were covered by a strong fire, which increased more and more with a hail of shells, of the heaviest calibre, the German angle position was shot to pieces by concentrated drum fire on November 12 and 13. All approaches were uninterrupted fire from grenades as well as gas waves.

TREVINO TO WAGE FIGHT ON BANDITS

Takes Field Against Villa, Saying It is Now Time for a Vigorous Offensive.

LEAVES WITH A BIG FORCE

Tells Associated Press Chihuahua City is Efficiently Fortified, With Sufficient Men to Repulse Strong Force

Chihuahua City, Mex., Nov. 17.—Prior to leaving Chihuahua City to take the field against Villa, General Trevino made a statement today to The Associated Press in which he said the time for defensive measures against the bandits had passed and a vigorous offensive was necessary.

"The state capital of Chihuahua has been efficiently fortified," General Trevino said, "and with the garrison I have left under the command of General Gonzalez Cuellar, it is able to repulse even a strong enemy force."

The general added: "Decisive results could not be obtained by sending small detachments against the bandits, and it is for that reason that I am starting an offensive under my personal command. My division is composed of several thousand men of three arms, cavalry, artillery and infantry with plenty of ammunition and I am taking the field with the firm resolution of delivering this region from the elements that have defied divine and human laws."

FUNSTON RESENTS ACTION OF THE VIRGINIA BAPTISTS

Says Statement Regarding Church Work Among Soldiers is Distorted.

San Antonio, Texas, Nov. 17.—General Funston expressed resentment today at the action of the Baptist General Association of Virginia, which adopted a resolution at Norfolk yesterday protesting against the alleged attitude of the General in forbidding evangelists telling soldiers they were lost.

PROPOSE PENALTY FOR HOLDING FREIGHT CARS

Plan to be Laid Before Commerce Commission at Once

Committee of Railroad Representatives Sitting in Washington Would Be Given the Power to Impose the Fines.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 17.—Plans for relieving the country-wide shortage of freight cars through the agency of a committee of railroad representatives sitting in Washington with power to impose penalties upon roads for failure to return equipment in accordance with rules to be promulgated, was presented here today to Interstate Commerce Commissioner C. C. McChord, who has been conducting a public inquiry into the car shortage on behalf of the commission. Commissioner McChord tentatively approved the plan, which will be laid before the Interstate Commerce Commission at once.

It was explained to Commissioner McChord that the committee has been given practically plenary powers by the American railway association to enforce and to enlarge or modify existing car service rules. The body will sit in Washington, it was said, as long as the Interstate Commerce Commission feels that its presence there is necessary and it is expected to bring about a speedy solution of the car problem.

The committee is made up of five members representing the railroads of New England, the South, the East, the West and the Pacific coast. The members are E. J. Pearson vice-president of the New York, New Haven and Hartford; C. M. Shearer, general superintendent of transportation of the Pennsylvania; E. H. Coapman, vice-president of the Southern; W. L. Park, vice president of the Illinois Central; W. A. Worthington, vice president of the Southern Pacific; and George Hodges, chairman and secretary of the Car Service Commission of the American Railway Association.

BURIAN DISCUSSES U-BOAT SITUATION WITH CHANCELLOR

Reported to Have Conferred on Relations Between Central Powers and America

MINISTER VISITS BERLIN

London Learns President's Patience as to U-Boats is on Verge of Exhaustion

London, Nov. 17.—The visit of Baron Burian, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, to Berlin, is stated to have been in connection with a conference with Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German imperial chancellor, regarding the relations of the two empires with the United States, according to a dispatch under a Berné date, given out today by the Wireless Press.

The question under discussion, says the dispatch, was whether the submarine campaign should be continued in its present form with the possibility of a rupture of relations with Washington or whether it should be modified.

"During the last few days," adds the dispatch, "the German government has received a plain verbal warning that President Wilson's patience was on the verge of exhaustion."

OFFICIALS FEAR STARVATION CAMPAIGN AGAINST ENGLAND

Washington, Nov. 17.—The reported visit of Baron Burian, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, to Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg at Berlin, for a full discussion of submarine warfare and its effect on the United States aroused interest here, but could not be confirmed from official dispatches.

Government officials do not conceal their disquietude over the sinking of the Lusitania, and some of them fear that the Teutonic powers may at any moment launch a starvation campaign against England which could not fail to involve the United States.

Secretary Lansing today, however, authorized the statement that as yet "there is absolutely no truth in the reports that the department has information that a definite decision has been reached to launch a ruthless German submarine campaign."

Five serious cases now are pending; the sinking of the British steamer Lusitania without warning and with the loss of American lives; the sinking of the British liner Arabia also apparently by a torpedo and without warning; the shelling of the boats of survivors of the British steamer Rowanmore, which had fled and the sinking of the American steamer Loran and Columbian for carrying contraband. Investigation is being made in all cases but has not yet been completed.

Teutonic diplomats here do not credit the report that Germany has been warned verbally by President Wilson's patience is "on the verge of exhaustion."

VIGOROUS PROTEST IS MADE BY LORD CECIL

Against Deportation of Belgian Civilians by Germans

Declares Three Schemes Proposed by England to Protest Belgian Industry Have Been Ignored by Germany.

London, Nov. 17.—In a statement made to the Associated Press today Lord Robert Cecil, minister of war, uttered a vigorous protest against Germany's deportation of Belgians, and declared that the people of France and England, no less than the people of Belgium "hope that American public opinion will show itself, not only in a few days or weeks of protests and criticisms, but in steady pressure upon the invaders of Belgium, to conduct the war against the soldiers of the Allies in the trenches and not against the helpless civilians whom they have in their power."

Lord Robert reviewed the measures taken by the Entente Allies to provide relief for the Belgians and characterized as a "lie" what he termed Germany's attempt to justify its action. (Continue on Page Eight).

President Urges Americans to Extend Sympathy to Stricken Nations on Thanksgiving Day

Washington, Nov. 17.—President Wilson today formally by proclamation designated Thursday, November 30, as Thanksgiving Day. The proclamation follows:

It has long been the custom of our people to turn in the fruitful autumn of the year in praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for His many blessings and mercies to us and the nation.

The year that has elapsed since we last observed our day of thanksgiving has been rich in blessings to us as a people, but the whole face of the world has been darkened by war. In the midst of our peace and happiness, our thoughts dwell with painful disquiet upon the struggles and sufferings of the nations at war and of the peoples upon whom war has brought disaster without choice or possibility of escape on their part. We cannot think of our own happiness without thinking of their pitiful distress.

Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do appoint Thursday, the 30th of November, as a day of National Thanksgiving and Prayer and urge and advise the people to resort to their several places of worship on that day to render thanks to Almighty God for the blessings of peace and unbroken prosperity which He has bestowed upon our beloved country in such unstinted measure.

And I also urge and suggest our duty, in this, our day of peace and abundance, to think in deep sympathy of the stricken peoples of the world upon whom the curse and terror of war has so pitilessly fallen, and to contribute out of our abundant means to the relief of their sufferings.

Our people could in no better way show their real attitudes towards the present struggle of the nations than by contributing out of their abundance to the relief of the sufferings which war has brought in its train.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this 17th day of November in the year of Our Lord, 1916, and of Independence of the United States, the 41st.

By the President, WOODROW WILSON.
ROBERT LANSING, Secretary of State.

KIMPOLUNG, RUMANIA, IS ALMOST IN THE GRASP OF THE INVADING AUSTRILIANS

More Than 2,100 Prisoners Captured in the Recent Fighting in the Walachia Region—British Forces Occupy the Town of Barakali in Serbia—Franco-Serbian Drive in Cerna River Region Continues, Paris States.

In Western Wallachia the advance of the Austro-Hungarians continues steadily and Kimpolung, 80 miles northwest of Bucharest, the Rumanian capital, is almost within the grasp of the invaders. Battles are taking place within a few miles of Kimpolung which is at the head of a railway and along a river that penetrates the plains west of Bucharest, and Petrograd says the forces of General von Falkenhayn have taken Liresht, about five miles northwest of Campulung. An attack against the Rumanian position at Albecht, less than three miles northwest of Kimpolung, was repulsed.

More than 2,100 prisoners were taken by the Austro-Hungarians in the latest operations in Wallachia, 1,500 alone being captured in engagements south of the Rothenthurm Pass and toward Rimnik. West of Iredal the invaders, Berlin says, broke the Rumanian positions. The mountain in Montenegro occupied by Kevlavas Arhely, has been carried by Bavarian troops.

The town of Barakali on the right bank of the Struma river and on the eastern end of the Macedonian front, has been occupied by British troops. On the western Macedonian front in the Monastir region, Berlin reports, all attacks of the Entente forces were repulsed.

The Franco-Serbian offensive in the region of the Cerna river, Paris states, has proceeded with success. Several positions were occupied by the Entente forces and Bulgar-German attacks were repulsed. The Franco-Serbians captured 400 prisoners on November 15.

Little activity is reported on the Somme front. The two latest official communiques from Paris report no infantry activity. London claims the extension of the British front along the Ancre, near Beaucourt. Berlin records the repulse of British attacks on the northern part of the front.

Except for the capture by the Russians of several heights near Jacon, neither Petrograd nor Berlin report any great activity on the eastern front.

TO GIVE SELF GOVERNMENT TO THE JEWS OF POLAND

Berlin, Nov. 17 (via Sayville).—General Von Bezeler, governor-general of Russian Poland, has issued an order at Warsaw authorizing the organization of a Jewish self government in Poland, by which self government is given to the Polish Jews.

"Under Russian rule the Jews in Poland, as in all Russia, lived almost without a religious organization," says the Overseas News Agency in describing the new order.

The hostility of the Russian authorities against Jews, found expressed in well known laws and uninterrupted persecutions and oppression of the Jewish community, under the present order of the governor-general the members of the Jewish church are reorganized as a religious body. At the head of the Jewish religious body will be a supreme council, provisionally composed according to proportional representation. The Supreme council, according to the order, has 21 members, of whom 14 must be laymen and seven rabbis. The formation of associations for divine service will be allowed in every community and to the community will be entrusted the religious life and education of the young, charity and social work. The local communities, the county com-

WEAVER IS GIVEN MAJORITY OF TEN VOTES OVER BRITT

Finding of Buncombe Canvassing Board Apparently Gives Democrat Seat in Congress

CONTEST IS THREATENED

Board Claims to Have Obeyed Mandamus—Britt Says Outrageous and Unlawful

Asheville, N. C., Nov. 17.—The publication of the certified vote of Buncombe county, in the recent election, by the county board of canvassers tonight gave Zebulon Weaver, Democratic congressional candidate, an additional 22 votes and a total majority of 10 votes over his opponent, James J. Britt, the present Republican congressman from the Tenth North Carolina district.

The unofficial returns from the entire district, and the official returns of the district, with the exception of Buncombe county, had given congressman Britt a majority of 13 votes. The finding of the canvassers' board apparently gives Mr. Weaver, Democrat, a seat in the new Congress in place of Congressman Britt, Republican, whose two-year term expires in March.

While no official statement has been made by Mr. Britt or his attorneys as to a future course of action, beyond Mr. Britt's denunciation tonight that he had been "outrageously and unlawfully robbed" of his rights, it is reported in apparently authoritative quarters that contest proceedings will be instituted at once.

Tonight's action unexpectedly followed the writ of mandamus issued at Hendersonville yesterday by Judge Thomas J. Shaw, of the Twelfth district superior court ordering the board of canvassers to comply with the law in the matter of certifying the county returns or show cause why it should not do so, the hearing being set for next Monday before Judge W. J. Adams, at this city. A member of the board stated tonight that the board has merely obeyed Judge Shaw's order to officially declare the result of the late election. Meanwhile Mr. Britt's attorneys refer to the action of the canvassers' board this evening as being unlawful and without warrant and say that it virtually constitutes a contempt of court. They will insist on the hearing before Judge Adams next Monday.

Whereas the increase in Mr. Weaver's vote from 288 majority in this county to a majority of 310 was caused by the addition of unmarked congressional ballots which have been in dispute since election day. The ballots, separated from all others, contained the names of only one candidate and in some instances were not marked. The unmarked ballots counted for Mr. Weaver were picked out of the ballots in the county wherein the unmarked ballots were cast for the Democratic candidate. Congressman Britt contends that more than 100 unmarked ballots were voted for him throughout the entire county Wednesday, which are not included in the official returns.

WILSON'S LEAD IN NEW MEXICO SLIGHTLY INCREASED

Santa Fe, N. Mex., Nov. 17.—While Chas. E. Hughes was gaining 51 votes today on official returns from five counties in New Mexico, President Wilson was receiving an increase of 234, bringing his lead back to a point well above its peak Wednesday, when he lost 185 votes. He gained 138 yesterday.

The totals stand: Hughes 29,951; Wilson 32,077.

HUGHES' LEAD NOW IS 414 IN STATE OF MINNESOTA

St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 17.—A mistake in the tabulation of the Minnesota votes in the presidential race today by which President Wilson was placed within less than a hundred votes of Mr. Hughes was discovered this afternoon. With the correction and the two additional counties receiving, the leading is changed again to Mr. Hughes' favor by 414 votes.

NO IMPORTANT CHANGES IN THE VOTE IN CALIFORNIA

Sacramento, Cal., Nov. 17.—Thirty-three California counties out of 53 have filed the election returns today with the secretary of state for final and official canvasses. A staff of 25 experts are at work on the returns and have completed the count of six of the smaller counties. The work, according to law, must be finished by Monday, November 27.

No important discrepancies have been discovered in the counties thus far completed.

SUCCESSFUL AIR RAID ON ENGLAND THIS MORNING.

London, Nov. 18.—A successful raid was made on Ostend and Zeebrugge this morning by British naval aeroplanes and seaplanes says an admiralty announcement. Many bombs were dropped with good results on docks and shipping, the announcement adds, and all the machines returned safely.