



AMERICAN TANKER VACUUM HAS BEEN SUNK BY U-BOAT

Vessel Was Sent to the Bottom Saturday While on Way to U. S.

EIGHTEEN MEN HAVE BEEN LANDED SAFELY

Another Boat With Captain, Remainder of Crew, Together With the Lieutenant and Nine Naval Gunners Are Missing, According to Reports.

London, April 29.—The American oil tanker Vacuum has been sunk by a German submarine on Saturday while on the way to the United States.

The chief mate and seventeen men including three of the American navy gunners have been landed. A boat containing the master of the ship and the remainder of the crew together with the lieutenant and nine naval gunners is missing.

LEFT NEW YORK ON MARCH 30.

New York, April 29.—The American steamer Vacuum left New York on March 30 for Birkenhead, England, carrying a crew of thirty-four men of which fifteen were American citizens including nine native born.

NO OFFICIAL ADVICE NAVY

Washington, April 30.—This afternoon State and Navy Department officials said they had no official dispatches on the destruction of the Vacuum or the fate of the men on board.

U-BOAT BREMEN HELD BY BRITISH

New York, April 30.—The German merchant submarine Bremen, sister of the Deutschland, which twice visited this country, is in the hands of the British, according to a special correspondent of the Evening Sun, who returned aboard the St. Louis.

He was told about the Bremen by a British naval officer of high rank. The details of her capture were related by this officer, who showed a photograph of the submarine, the picture showing the same contour of body and the same type of conning tower and general superstructure of the Deutschland.

COTTON MARKET

New York, April 30.—Cotton futures opened steady. May 29, 20; July 20, 25; October 14, 20; December 19, 21; January 19, 24.

New York, April 30.—The cotton market was generally steady early today. The opening was eight to sixteen points lower in response to relatively easy cables with July selling 20 cents and October at 19.17 on the call.

STOCK MARKET

New York, April 30.—Market conditions showed no material alteration on the resumption of trading today. Early quotations denote a continuance of the irregularity which attended last week's later operations.

BRAZIL WILL REMAIN NEUTRAL

Government Issues Proclamation of Neutrality in Respect to War Between the United States and Germany Only.

Rio Janeiro, April 30.—The Brazilian government issued a proclamation of neutrality today in respect to the war between the United States and Germany.

THREE BILLION FOR ARMY AND NAVY

The Appropriation of This Amount Needed for Urgent Deficiencies in Army and Navy is Favorably Reported.

Washington, April 30.—Appropriation of \$2,999,187,281 for most urgent deficiencies in the army and navy as recommended by the War and Navy Department are included in a bill favorably reported to the House today by the appropriations committee.

TWO SMALL ROOF FIRES EXTINGUISHED

The Central Fire Department received two calls Saturday and Sunday to extinguish two small roof fires, which cost only a slight damage.

The first alarm came in at 7:10 Saturday night from box number 63 at the corner of Nashville road and South Church street.

Sunday morning at 10:45 a second alarm came in from box number 37 at the corner of Arlington and Bassett streets.

MEN WANTED FOR SIGNAL CORPS

Men are wanted for the signal reserve corps of the United States army. Postmaster A. O. Sipes has received a letter from the War Department asking that he enlist men for this branch of the service.

The United States army is endeavoring to raise fourteen field batteries and six telegraph batteries of signal corps men which will necessitate the services of several thousand recruits.

Any young men of Rocky Mount who are qualified in any of these vocations are urged to enlist in the service.

TERRY TAKEN TO RALEIGH

Greensboro, N. C., April 30.—Sheriff D. E. Stafford yesterday carried to Raleigh, Jerry A. Terry of this county, who was convicted of murder in the first degree last fall and whose conviction was recently sustained by the supreme court.

Terry is the slayer of John R. Stewart, a well known and wealthy citizen of the county, with whom the defendant had some difficulty.

TO GRADUATE WAKE FOREST SENIORS

Wake Forest, N. C., April 30.—An announcement is made by President William Louis Poter, of Wake Forest College, that by a special decree of the faculty all seniors desiring to attend the North Carolina Military Training camp at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., will be graduated immediately upon the securing of admission to the camp.

FOOD BILLS ARE INTRODUCED TODAY

Bills Contain No Price Fixing or Control of Use of Grain for Distilling Provisions. Designed to Stimulate Production.

Washington, April 30.—The administration food bills were introduced in the House today by Chairman Lever of the agricultural committee.

The bills as introduced today are designed to stimulate production, prevent hoarding, making for equitable distribution and suspend the law prohibiting the mixing of flour.

The Lever bill appropriated 25,000,000 dollars for its enforcement and authorized the appointment of two additional secretaries of agriculture to administer it.

CORONER'S JURY MAKES DISCOVERY

Wilmington, N. C., April 30.—The discovery by the coroner's jury that the only lock fastening the door of the room at the county stockade in which the convict trustees, including Oscar Johnston, have been confined, is in such condition that even a child can easily open it by inserting a finger and moving the cylinder, was the starting point and most interesting development in the investigation into the killing of Neal Walton Saturday.

Not satisfied with hearing three of the remaining four trustees swear that the lock was and had been in such condition that it was mere child's play to open it, the jury, accompanied by Coroner A. S. Holden, Solicitor E. T. Burton, and L. Clayton Grant, Esq., visited the stockade at 7 o'clock Saturday afternoon and personally examined the lock in question.

WASHINGTON MAN MYSTERIOUSLY SHOT

Washington, N. C., April 30.—The body of John Isaac Pipkin, a young farmer of One Point and well known throughout the county, was found yesterday near the Point after having lain in the woods for about twenty-four hours.

The murder is shrouded in a wall of mystery which the county officials are endeavoring to penetrate. The body was found within thirty yards of a still, or rather, where a still had been located, for it found to have been reworked. The position of the body indicated that the man had been shot while going away from the still.

DUTCH NATIONAL FAIR BEING HELD

Proctor, Netherlands, April 30.—Dutch trader seeking fresh markets to supply their long needs from home sources and Dutch manufacturers anxious to dislodge foreign rivals, are engaged in the first Dutch National fair in progress at Utrecht.

CONFERENCE ON AMERICA'S AID

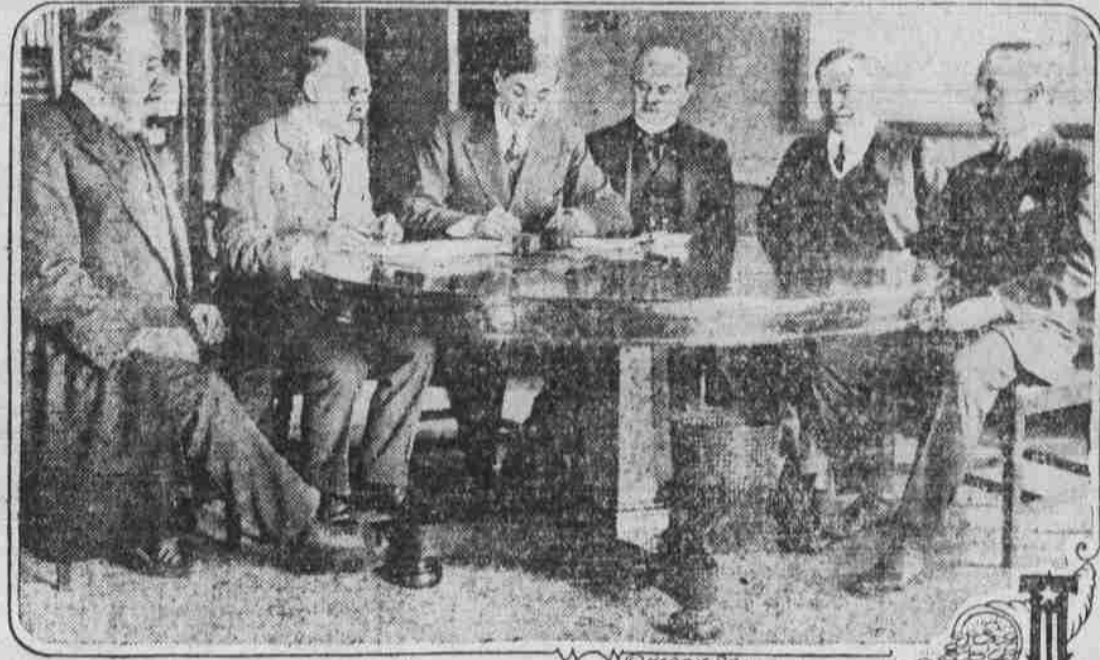
Washington, April 30.—The British and French commissions settled down to their second week of conferences with preliminary away and the ground work laid for the part the United States is to take in the grand alliance for the overthrow of Prussian autocracy.

MISS DAVIDSON TO BE RELEASED

Wilmington, N. C., April 30.—The warrant charging Miss Florence Davidson with being an accessory after the fact to the killing of Neal Walton will be not pressed at this morning's session of the recorder's court, according to an announcement made by Solicitor E. T. Burton.

OUTCOME GREAT BATTLE STILL IN DOUBT; STRIKE PLANNED IN GERMANY MAY DAY

WHEN McADOO MADE \$200,000,000 AVAILABLE TO GREAT BRITAIN



Left to right: Lord Cunliffe, governor of the Bank of England; Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, Secretary McAdoo, Sir Richard Crawford and Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Crosby.

Secretary McAdoo is shown here signing the treasury warrant which gave to Great Britain \$200,000,000, America's first war loan to the allies.

PLANS TO RAISE WAR FUNDS MADE

Federal Reserve Board Recommends That money Be Obtained by Offering Treasury Certificates to Bankers.

Washington, April 30.—The Federal Reserve Board has recommended to Secretary McAdoo, funds to be raised under the seven billion dollar war finance law by obtaining gradually by offering to the banks of the country blocks of treasury certificates to be retired later with bonds every two weeks.

PRESIDENT WILSON IN FAVOR SENATE MEASURE

Washington, April 30.—President Wilson and Secretary Baker today took up differences between the Senate and House army bills. The one limit of 23 to 27, fixed in the Senate bill, were rejected by the administration since they were nearly unworkable.

LESS COTTON, MORE FOOD, TEXAS PLAN

Dallas, Texas, April 30.—Adopting hard-hung tactics, that of reducing before starting the sugar campaign, Texas today was preparing to raise the largest food crop in its history.

SUPERIOR COURT AT NASHVILLE OPENS

Judge Woodruff today started week's session of Nash county Superior Court today at Nashville. The docket for the session of the court this week consists entirely of criminal cases.

FOUR UP IN THE SHOOTING AFFRAY

One Man Shot Through Jaw In Disturbance Saturday Night. Other Case Before Municipal Court.

John and Mack Hudson and Olan Smith, all white men, and Sallie Lucas, a negro woman, were all up on an affray charged at this morning's session of municipal court as the result of a shooting affray that took place in front of Cooper's Warehouse Saturday night.

LABORERS WILL MAKE DEMANDS

To Submit Demands For Increase in Wages Tomorrow. If Not Granted Strikes Will Follow, It is Stated.

New York, April 30.—May day demands for increases in wages will be submitted tomorrow by thousands of workers in this city and labor leaders declared today that unless they were granted, strikes will follow.

BREAD RIOTS IN CHICAGO

Chicago, April 30.—Rioting in the west side of the city today and a bread riot in the city today when the city market the bakers strike in Chicago today. The rioting, the hundreds of small bread loaves of loaves being thrown into the streets and bread was trampled. Mangled police dispersed the riot.

RECOVERY SUITS FILED AGAINST S. A. L.

Washington, April 30.—The filing of suits against the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company for recovery for penalties amounting to \$48,500 for 97 alleged violations of the Federal hours of service law by United States District Attorney J. C. Carr has caused a ripple of excitement here.

CHILD SCALDED TO DEATH IN BOILER

Norfolk, Va., April 30.—Lula Bell Beale, the 4-year old daughter of Paul J. and Mrs. Callie C. Harris Beale, was scalded to death in a wash boiler of water Saturday morning at 9 o'clock at her home 302 Malberry street.

CHINA EXPECTED TO ENTER WAR

Peking, China, April 30.—Reports say that the Chinese Republic will probably enter the war against Germany within two weeks. The Brazilian congress meets on Wednesday and will then decide on peace or war.

BATTLE OF ARRAS STILL RAGES WITH DECISION IN DOUBT

Great Armies Still Struggling For Mastery After Six Days of Fighting

BRITISH STILL PUSH GERMANS STUBBORNLY

On Eve of Great Strike Tomorrow German Officials and Press Display Feverish Apprehension as to Outcome. Revolutionary Movement Spreading.

The battle of Arras still rages with the issues remaining in doubt. For six days torrents of blood have down and the armies of Britain and Germany yet struggle for the mastery.

Tens of thousands of reserves have been hurled against the British battle front by Field Marshal Von Hindenburg in a supreme effort to check the British advance but so far without avail.

However the issues which hang on the bloody struggle in France they are insufficient to hold the attention of the German people who are facing a situation not home fraught with ever more tremendous possibilities.

On the eve of the great general strike planned for May day the German press and leaders are displaying a feverish apprehension as to what the morrow will bring forth.

The majority socialists are energetically supporting the government in its efforts to enjoin or threaten the workers into refraining from striking. Even the radical minority seems to be frightened at the possible results of the agitation it has fostered.

Austria and Sweden are two other storm centers where May Day may evoke popular uprisings of far-reaching effects. In the face of the brewing storm word comes that the Hungarian government had declared in favor of important Democratic reforms.

Another curious and unexplained item from Austria-Hungary says that in Bohemia, long a hot bed of dissatisfaction, German papers have been suppressed.

The entire situation in Europe seems to have reached one of the confused stages where conflicting news makes the relative importance of events uncertain and obscure a situation intensified by the increasing rigors of the censorship in all countries.

Outside of Europe interest centers on the possible course of Brazil and China.