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NO CHANCE FOR MEN TO ESCAPE

British Merchant Steamer Is Sunk by German Submarine Without Customary Warning, Charge.

SAME VESSEL WHICH TORPEDOED PATHFINDER

Also Sinks Steamers in Irish Sea and Gives Chase to Five Others—Indignation Provoked.

Paris, Feb. 1.—The sinking of the British steamer Tokomaru in the English channel by a German vessel without giving the crew of the steamer warning to permit them to escape, has provoked intense indignation of the French press. All of the references to the destruction of the vessel deal with a recent interview of the German Admiral Von Tirpitz, in which plans for waging war against the British merchant vessels were outlined.

Two British vessels were torpedoed by a German submarine in addition to the Ben Cruchen and the Lina Blanche, whose sinking was reported Saturday night. This was made known in the following official statement given out here by the ministry of marine.

"The British steamer Tokomaru has been sunk by a torpedo from a German submarine. The English vessel Icaria also was torpedoed in the same locality. In the Irish sea the English steamers Lina Blanche and Ben Cruchen were torpedoed.

"Hitherto the Germans, before attacking a merchant vessel, always allowed the crew sufficient time to em-

bark in the ship's boats. That custom has now been abandoned, as is shown by the bombardment of the Admiral Ganteaume, which was filled with Belgian women and children refugees. The German marine has decided to violate systematically international law."

The crew of the Tokomaru was rescued by the trawler Semper. No details are available concerning the Icaria.

The Tokomaru was a vessel of 6,812 tons. She sailed from Newcastle, New South Wales, on October 29. Shipping records make no mention of the Icaria.

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London, Feb. 1.—The toll taken by the German submarine U-21 in its raid late Saturday in the Irish sea, in the vicinity of Liverpool, still stands at three ships—the steamers Ben Cruchen, Lina Blanche and the Killcoan, the last a small vessel. The Killcoan's crew was landed yesterday on the Isle of Man by a coastwise steamer.

In addition a German submarine also has torpedoed two British steamers in the English channel near Havre—the Tokomaru and the Icaria.

The Irish sea raider escaped and shipping interests, confident she has returned to her base, ordered a resumption of normal traffic yesterday.

This under-water Emden is the vessel which last September torpedoed in the North Sea the British cruiser Pathfinder with a loss of 46 lives and later destroyed two British steamers off Havre. In addition to the three vessels she is known to have sunk, she chased at least five other steamers.

These include the steamer Graphic, with 700 passengers and a crew of forty and the smaller boats Aterous, Ava, Kathleen and Edimon. All these vessels escaped in zig-zag flight.

Desperate Fighting On Vistula; Russians Gain In East Prussia

Germany Again Brings Comb at to Great Britain's Front Door; Belfast Shipping Is Suspended—Hostilities Are Renewed in East Serbia—Berlin Contends Carpathian Situation Is Everywhere Favorable to Teutonic Allies.

London, Feb. 1.—Once again British interest in military operations on the continent is overshadowed momentarily by the fact that Germany has brought to combat to the very doors of the British Isles. What is regarded as the new German policy of submarine blockade has been temporarily effective, at least in the case of Belfast, where the sailings of merchant vessels have been suspended. Liverpool authorities, however, announce that no interference with the ship-

ping trade is contemplated. The two British merchant vessels which were torpedoed by the German submarine off Havre were the largest commercial vessels which have yet fallen victims to submarines. The three ships which were destroyed in the Irish sea were small coasters.

Petrograd, Feb. 1.—A communication issued late last night by the Russian general staff reports that the Russian forces are making progress in East Prussia and refers to des-

perate fighting on the left bank of the Vistula. In the region of Borjimonow the Russians claim to have recaptured a trench which they had lost to the Germans on the preceding day and declare that counter attacks made by the Germans were repulsed everywhere except one Russian saps which the Germans captured.

Tabris Taken. Petrograd, Feb. 1.—The Russians officially announce the occupation of Tabris on January 30 in a communication issued by the general staff of the Russian army in the Caucasus today.

NEELY-BRUNS COMPANY MUTUALLY DISSOLVED

Mr. Bruns Withdraws From Local Business—Mr. Neely to Enlarge It.

The firm of Neely-Bruns company of No. 18 Broadway, which was organized two years ago, has been mutually dissolved and Mr. Bruns has withdrawn from the firm. The firm will now be known as the J. W. Neely company and will continue to do business at the same place. The business of the firm, clothing and gents furnishings, has been unusually good during the time it has been organized, it is stated, and Mr. Neely is now contemplating installing another line on the second floor of the building the firm now occupies. Mr. Neely will leave within the next few days for the northern markets, where he will purchase merchandise for the new firm, and announces that he will carry one of the most modern and up-to-date lines of clothing and gents furnishings to be found in the city.

WILL RECOMMEND GATLING MONDAY?

That Seems to Be Present Plan—Fight Is Expected to Follow.

Washington, Feb. 1. Aside from the hundreds of letters and telegrams that continue to pour into Representative Hines' office urging either favorable consideration for Mrs. Charles B. Aycock or Bart M. Gatling, there has been no change in the Raleigh postoffice fight. The present plans are to recommend Gatling for the job Monday and leave the rest to those who want to fight him. It is also believed that Secretary of the Navy Daniels will organize a fight against Gatling and may even go so far as to try to persuade the president to turn down Representative Pou and Senator Simmons and name Mrs. Aycock. It is not believed that the president will listen to his cabinet member in this instance. Both Pou and Simmons stand well at the White House, and, as before stated in these dispatches, the president has important matters at the capitol which he wishes given favorable consideration. In view of these facts he will not go out of his way to displease members of congress at either end of the capitol.

TROUBLES OF THE DAY IN THE POLICE COURT

The following cases were called in Police Court today: Clarence Miller, colored, was fined \$20 and the costs on charges of disorderly conduct. I. M. Felderfield was found not guilty of keeping his store open on Sunday; and a similar case against O. N. Rockett was not prosessed with leave. Cling Ingle was given 60 days on the roads on charges of assaulting Patrolman A. J. Floyd with a knife; 20 days on charges of disorderly conduct; and 20 days on charges of being drunk, with appeal bond fixed at \$250 in the first case and \$100 in each of the others. Mrs. Lu McMahan was fined \$5 and his costs on charges of assault. Ella Hunsucker, colored, was taxed with the costs on charges of assault. John Ball was given 30 days on the roads on charges of being drunk, with appeal bond fixed at \$200; and was found not guilty of assault with a deadly weapon. Jake Ramsey was found not guilty of assault. Anne Mae Ramsey was given 20 days in jail on charges of being drunk. A capias was issued for Arthur Johnson, colored, charged with procuring liquor; and a continuance was taken in a case against L. P. Matton, colored, charged with keeping liquor for sale. Millard Wilkins, colored, arrested last night by the police on charges of disorderly conduct, was unable to be in court and his case was continued. Wilkins was shot in the hip by another negro and is said to be suffering very much. The police are looking for the negro who did the shooting. Halwood Johnson was fined \$25 and the costs on charges of assaulting Charles Coleman with eggs; and Jack Blalock, M. B. McGuire, Harry Geo. Charles Derby and J. A. Campbell were found not guilty of the same charges. Clayton Durham, colored, was taxed with the costs on charges of disorderly conduct. Zion Plemons, colored, was given 60 days on charges of assault, with appeal bond fixed at \$250. Seven "strunks" were ap-

GALICIAN SITUATION IS FAVORABLE TO AUSTRIANS

Vienna, (By way of Amsterdam and London), Feb. 1.—An official statement issued by the Austrian general staff follows: "The present phase of the war in Galicia is favorable to us. Attempts of the Russian Galician army to outflank the army of Archduke Ferdinand near New-Sandec, and the attacks on Cracow by way of Carnow, have led to counter attacks offensive by the schudaks which threaten the communications to the rear of the Russians in Galicia and the Carpathians. "Equally inefficient has been the Russian invasion of Hungary, and the attempt to invade Transylvania through Bukowina in order to isolate the army of General Fischer and outflank the Carpathian forces. "In the north, the German trenches are approaching Warsaw, and we have gained in the Carpathians. "In Bukowina, the enemy have retired toward Kimpolung, after General Fischer's victory near Kribhaha."

FIFTH COTTON CARGO MOBILE TO EUROPE

Mobile, Jan. 30.—The fifth shipment of cotton sailed from here today for European ports. It was on the cargo of the British steamer St. Quentin bound for Liverpool. The vessel carried 1,590 bales.

LACY TO REPLY ON THURSDAY

State Treasurer Fixes Day to Appear Before the Finance Committee to Answer Recent Criticisms.

REPUBLICANS MAKING CAPITAL OF CHARGES

Democratic Faction Also Taking Advantage of Condition of Treasury—Legislature Calendar.

(By W. T. Bost.) Raleigh, Feb. 1.—State Treasurer R. Lacy has set Thursday of the present week for his appearance before the finance committee to state his position in recent criticisms of the board of internal improvements.

Mr. Lacy has made no statement publicly or privately in that attack upon his system of book-keeping, but since he believes that the report was unfair to him, the Thursday conference is expected to have something of public interest in it. At last one of the members of the board will be there too to remark upon any suggestion that the board was moved by any impulse save that of doing a public service. Nothing before the general assembly this week has larger prospective interest.

Already factions in the democratic party have begun to make political capital of the condition of the state treasury, and the republicans are greatly pleased with the campaign material which they lacked in each of the last elections. The report of the board has been printed and many extra copies taken by the republican members.

Treasurer Lacy says he can show anybody that the report is not just but he will wait until Thursday to do so.

This week of the general assembly will begin with a clear calendar and nothing stands in the way of immediate procedure toward the passage of the primary act.

If the two houses do not feel like going ahead there, at least three more state-wide measures can be taken. Representative Benton of Columbus wants to stop the selling or giving away of dime novels. Representative Meekins, father of Ike, of Elizabeth City, wants to end corporal punishment in the schools. And there is a large interest behind a statewide fisheries commission.

And it's a Jonah. A former member of the general assembly said that if the democrats will pass that bill creating the fish commission, he will pay the campaign expenses of the democratic candidate for congress in the third district, if the republicans do not carry it.

This generous offer will bring out hardly all of the candidates who ran last year, but it is an incentive to congressional patriotism. Eastern members fear it greatly, albeit some of them want the bill to pass and the piedmont and western members appear to have the same feeling about it.

The fish question is by no means local. Thus far individual counties have fared pretty well in getting what they want, but the tendency grows toward making the fisheries a state issue. The republicans are hoping they say.

Dr. Shaw Tuesday. Miss Mary F. Henderson of Salisbury came to Raleigh last night to aid the suffrage advocates to get the house in order for Dr. Anna Howard Sthaw Tuesday.

Miss Henderson is chairman of the legislative committee. As its head she came here three weeks ago and put the suffrage amendment in the hands of Representative Roberts and Senator Hobgood. The presence of the young Sallsburian did the cause good, both at and pres declare. She observed the fine sense of proportion that impressed the members of the general assembly whom she met. Besides membership in one of the most illustrious families of the state, she has presence, youth, independence of financial wants, intellect and womanliness to the last degree. She hasn't a thing in the world against the world, and it pleased the assembly much.

Miss Henderson will be here several days and will return to Chapel Hill.

BREAD PRICES UNCHANGED. Chicago, Feb. 1.—There will be no immediate advance in the price of bread, from five to six cents a loaf, it was announced today, as the result of the stand taken by the large bakers, who declined to support the proposal made by the master bakers organization. Since the large dealers have not raised their prices, the small bakers say they will have to meet their competition.

MEXICO CITY IS QUIET; OREGON IN COMMAND. Washington, Feb. 1.—Mexico City is reported to be quiet, with General Obregon in command, in dispatches from Consul Stillman.

General Obregon denies that agreement has been made with the former Provisional President Gutierrez, who is reported to have proposed terms of an alliance with Carranza against Villa.

The Zapata troops have abandoned the siege of Puebla but are still holding a number of villages near the capitol.

SENATE TRUCE DECLARED OFF

Democrats Declare Ship Purchase Bill Will Be Kept Before Senate Continuously Now.

REPUBLICANS WILLING TO MEET ANY MEASURE

They Charge Democratic Leaders Are Weakening—Latter Assert Fight Is to Be More Vigorous.

Washington, Feb. 1.—When the senate met this morning to resume consideration of the administration ship purchase bill, the truce in the contest between the democrats and republicans was declared off, which began at midnight Saturday after the senate had been in continuous session for 36 hours. The democratic leaders were ready to throw down the gauntlet to the republican minority by announcing that the bill would continue to be kept before the senate from today on. The republicans proposed, they declared, to meet any plan of campaign which the democrats might launch.

Although the republicans asserted that the democratic leaders were showing indications of weakening, the latter answered that the fight would be pressed more vigorously than ever, and that the opposition would be forced to talk continuously until a vote was reached. They contended that three or four days of continuous session would force a roll call and that thereafter the measure would be quickly disposed of.

In line with their plans for defeating the measure, the republicans are prepared to continue their attack upon it. Democrats and republicans alike read with interest concerning the attitude of the American government over the purchase of ships and provided by the bill. Administration leaders are positive, it became known today, that pending passage of the measure and until it is decided where the ships will be bought, it will not be drawn into any diplomatic discussion with any foreign power over the question of the right of the United States to buy vessels from a belligerent.

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DECREASE IN BUSINESS AT REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

The number of marriage licenses issued and the amount of money taken in for all papers filed in the office during January shows a small decrease in the business of the registrar of deeds for this county over last month and over January, 1914. During the past month, 38 licenses were issued, as against 44 for the same month, last year. During last month, a total of \$445.75 was taken in at the office, while during January, 1914, a total of \$492.85 was taken in. This makes a decrease of \$47.10 in the amount of money taken last month over the same month for last year, and a decrease of 8 licenses for the same period. To study law, Mrs. Archibald Henderson, a sister-in-law, is president of the league and will make a short address before the committee that hears the proposed discussions preparatory to passing upon the bill.

Artillery Fighting Is Particularly Spirited

Paris, Feb. 1.—"The day of January 31 was marked, as was the 30th, by artillery fighting, which was particularly spirited in all of the north region," says the French official statement concerning the progress of the war, issued in Paris this afternoon. The report continues: "Southeast of Ypres, the Germans endeavored to attack our trenches to the north of the canal, but the movement was immediately checked by the combined fire from our artillery and infantry. "Along the entire Aisne front, from the junction of this river with the Oise as far as Berry-au-Bac, our batteries succeeded at certain points in demolishing trenches which were in course of construction, as well as shelters for machine guns, and silenced a mine thrower, as well as artillery detachments of the enemy. "In the Champagne region, northeast of Meziul-les-Hurlus, we have perfected our organization in the little forest which we took on the day before yesterday. "The day of January 31 was relatively calm in the Argonne region, where the Germans seemed to suffer heavy losses. "There is nothing of interest from the Woerze region, from Lorraine, nor from the Vosges."

LEGISLATURE WILL SUPPORT CHARTER

Asheville Commission Charter Will Be Presented to Assembly in Present Form.

Senator Zebulon Weaver, of Buncombe, returned to Asheville from Raleigh Saturday night to spend the week-end here with his family. He goes back to Raleigh today; and it is probable that tomorrow he will introduce in the senate the commission government charter adopted at a recent mass meeting by the citizens of this city. Senator Weaver stated that the charter will be presented in its present form and will be supported by all the Buncombe legislators, since they believe that local people want the charter enacted into law, subject to a municipal election, just as it stands. He has no doubt but that it will be passed without trouble.

Mr. Weaver is sanguine over the prospects for favorable action by the general assembly on the bill providing for the purchase by the state of Mount Mitchell in order that the remaining forests on the slopes of this peak may be conserved. He is anxious, however, to have as many prominent citizens of Asheville and the surrounding section as can go to Raleigh and impress upon all legislators the necessity of having the bill passed at the present session. He thinks that it will be useless for the state to make the purchase two years hence, since the forests then will have been practically destroyed.

As to a teachers' training school for western North Carolina, Mr. Weaver is afraid that there is no possibility of having the institution established at the present session, since there are no funds available for such a pur-

pose. The general sentiment of the assembly, therefore, is against the measure. The final committee hearing on Senator Weaver's child labor bill will be held Wednesday, he says, and he will do all in his power to have it favorably reported as it now stands. He expects a strong fight from the mill men of the state, but is hopeful that the bill may be enacted into law without any material changes being made.

Senator Weaver expects the situation relative to a state-wide primary bill to develop this week. He thinks that certain counties will insist that their method of selecting county officers be left as it is; but he believes that the fundamental principles of a state-wide primary will be incorporated in the act that will finally be passed.

V. H. Borst in Charge LOCAL POSTAL OFFICE. V. H. Borst, former manager of the Postal Telegraph-Cable company's office in Richmond, now has charge of that company's office in this city, taking the place here of A. K. Akers, who left Saturday to take control of the Richmond office. Mr. Borst has been with the Postal company for several years, having managed the offices at Petersburg, Richmond and other places.

GREECE TO AID SERBIA. Paris, Feb. 1.—Dispatches to the Balkan agency from Athens state that Greece with all her forces will aid Serbia in any fresh invasion of Serbia which is attempted by the Austro-German forces. Great activity prevails in military quarters, according to the statement.