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## GERMANS TORPEDO LINER HESPERIAN

THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY PASSENGERS ABOARD.—ALL ARE SAFE.

### ARMED WITH VISIBLE GUN

Off South Irish Coast When Attacked—All Passengers Landed Safely at Queenstown.

London.—The Allan Line steamer Hesperian, with 350 passengers, bound from Liverpool for Montreal, was attacked without warning by a German submarine off the Irish coast. Although the torpedo found its mark the vessel remained afloat, and according to a statement issued by the company every soul aboard was saved.

No submarine was seen, and probably it was too dark to observe the wake of a torpedo, but all the passengers and crew who arrived at Queenstown in rescue steamers agreed the attack was made by a German U-boat, basing their opinion on the force of the shock and the great volume of water thrown into the air. The force of the explosion was tremendous, and of the passengers landed at Queenstown, many of them scantily clad, about 20 were injured.

There were no American passengers on board as far as the American Consul could learn, but two members of the crew were American citizens and they both were saved. About 30 wounded Canadian soldiers going home to recuperate were aboard. Most of the other passengers were Canadians or English.

The torpedo struck the Hesperian in the forward engine room, and the ship immediately began to settle by the head. Captain Main ordered the passengers and crew into the boats, but with his officers remained on the bridge, although at that time he must have felt sure his ship would go down.

The discipline was perfect, but one of the boats, the falls of which became jammed, capsized and those in there were thrown into the water. In the darkness some confusion prevailed, but all were picked up, and with other passengers and the crew, were transferred to the rescue steamers, which arrived in answer to wireless calls for assistance.

### TROOPS ON BORDER READY.

Would Not Hesitate to Cross Border After Mexican Bandits.—All United States troops on the Mexican border are under orders to be in readiness to meet any emergency. War department officials said extraordinary vigilance had been ordered as a result of repeated raids in American territory by Mexican brigades and soldiers, and renewed reports of preparations for an organized invasion from across the Rio Grande in the states of Coahuila and Nuevo Leon.

As long as the raiders continue to appear in small bands, it is understood none of them will be followed into their own territory, but officials indicated that the American commanders would not hesitate to pursue the enemy until they were completely routed should anything resembling an organized invasion of the United States be encountered.

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Persistent reports that some of the Mexican raiders slain were Carranza uniforms have reached officials here. Rumors have come, too, that there is a concerted move by Carranza leaders in Nuevo Leon and Coahuila to lead Mexican sentiment against the Pan-American movement for re-establishment of constitutional government in the republic.

Charles A. Boynton Dead.—Washington.—Charles A. Boynton, one of the veterans of the Associated Press and one of the best known American newspaper men of the last 25 years, died here at his home, aged 79. He had not been in active service since 1909, but still recently had been in fair health.

Martial Law in Haiti.—Washington.—Foreign influences in Haiti, working to block the plans of the United States to pacify the republic and rehabilitate its finances under American supervision, have made it necessary to declare martial law in Port au Prince, and in practically all but two of the country's open ports. Rear Admiral Caperton, acting within his general instructions, declared martial law and explained that his action was taken because of a situation which was beyond the control of the local government.

Newport News Has Big Fire.—Newport news, Va.—Property damage estimated at upwards of \$2,000,000 resulted from a fire which originated in Chesapeake and Ohio grain elevator "A" here and spread to nearby buildings and to a big grain pier. First reports that 12 elevator employes had been burned to death were not verified, but William Butler, a watchman, who was trapped on the top floor, lost his life. The elevator with nearly half a million bushels of wheat was destroyed, grain pier No. 5 was badly damaged.

### LAND OF THE LONG LEAF PINE

Short Paragraphs of State News That Have Been Condensed for Busy People of the State.

Shelby will soon have city mall delivery.

James Turner, aged 60, a prominent physician of High Point, is dead.

Beaufort will celebrate the opening of the Taylor Creek link of the inland waterway on Labor Day. The chamber of commerce there has made extensive preparations for the event.

The Southern Railway and the city of Hickory are putting down trolley pavement at the passenger station crossing at Hickory, the cinders and gravel heretofore used having proven unsatisfactory.

G. F. Woodard, a lineman engaged with the Southern Power Company force which is running a steel tower line from Salisbury to Statesville, met instant death when he came in contact with a high charged wire.

Nineteen boys who are inmates of the Buncombe County Reformatory are engaged in the construction of a new building there, being of material aid to the carpenters who have been engaged for some time past in the heavier work.

What may prove to be the largest sweet potato crop ever produced in Catawba county is approaching maturity and new potato houses are springing up throughout the potato belt, no less than eight of these being on a single route leading west from Newton.

Mr. W. S. Falls, state highway engineer, is this week visiting Ashe, Watauga and Alleghany counties, assisting in a survey to be made there under the auspices of the state highway commission, preparatory to bringing those counties under the direction of the commission.

Charged with having killed his wife several days ago, J. O. Southern was taken to Asheville from Rutherford county jail for safe-keeping because of reports to the effect that a mob was being organized in that county to take him from jail.

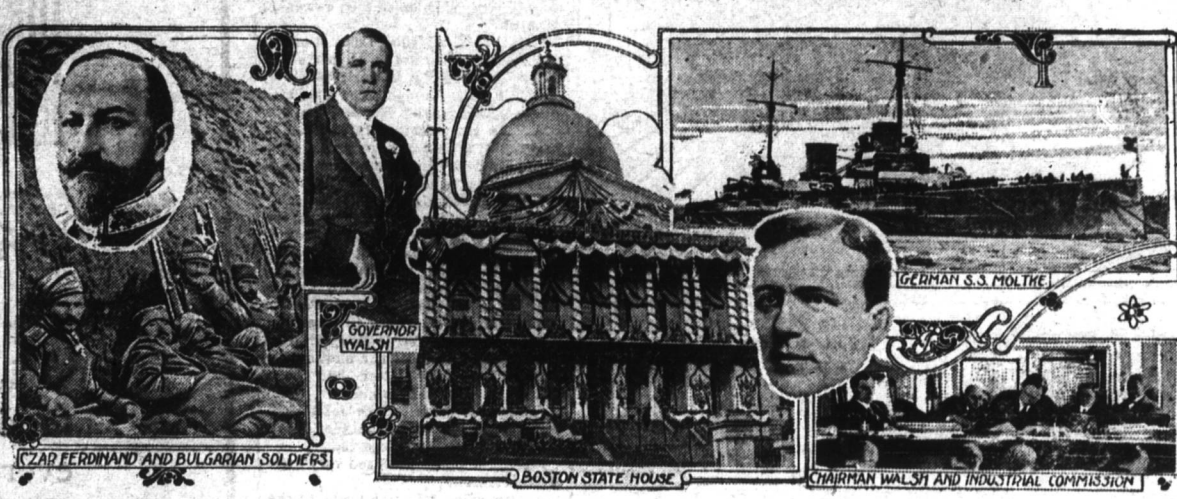
The full reunion of the bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Valley of Charlotte, Orient of North Carolina, Southern jurisdiction, will be held in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, in Charlotte Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, September 21, 22, and 23.

That North Carolina stands an excellent chance of securing a permanent artillery camp for the use of regulars and members of the militia organizations of many states is indicated by the arrival at Asheville of Maj. Chas. Pelot Sumner, United States army, who is inspecting proposed sites for the encampment.

Leaving as his final dying confession the statement that he assumed sole guilt in the murder and robbery of Sidney Swain in Charlotte on the night of May 16, 1914, Charles E. Trull went to the electric chair in the state prison at Raleigh paying the death penalty with a remarkable degree of self-control.

Insurance companies which paid damages for the destruction of lumber on the yards of John Patton near Asheville collected \$5,575 of the \$5,500 sued for from the Southern Railway Co. by the terms of a compromise reached in the case of the Queen Insurance Co. of America and the National Union Fire Insurance Co. against the Southern.

Worth their Weight in Gold.—"I have used Chamberlain's Tablets and found them to be just as represented, a quick relief for headaches, dizzy spells and other symptoms denoting a torpid liver and a disordered condition of the digestive organs. They are worth their weight in gold," writes Miss Clara A. Diggs, Elba, N. Y. Obtainable everywhere.



The annual conference of governors was held at Boston, and Governor Walsh of Massachusetts, the official host, led in the discussion. The sessions were held in the historic old statehouse in Boston. The Russian official report that the German warship Moltke was again asked by the allies to join the Teutonic fighting craft, was denied by the German war office. Czar Ferdinand of Bulgaria is again asked by the allies to join the war against Germany and Austria. Chairman Walsh of the United States Industrial Commission signed a report, urging that the government limit all private fortunes so as not to exceed the sum of \$1,000,000.

## GERMANY ACCEPTS PLAN GENERAL OROZCO KILLED

GERMANY RECOGNIZES PRINCIPLE FOR WHICH UNITED STATES HAS CONTENDED.

Disavowal of the Arabic Tragedy—Expectations Wilson to Renew Representations to Britain.

Washington.—Strained relations between the United States and Germany over the submarine warfare apparently passed into history when Count Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, informed Secretary Lansing in writing that prior to the sinking of the Arabic his government had decided its submarines should sink no more liners without warning.

Oral assurances to that effect had been given by the Ambassador last week; but it was not until Count Bernstorff, after a call at the state department, returned to the Embassy and sent a letter to Mr. Lansing quoting instructions from Berlin concerning an answer to be made to the last American note on the sinking of the Lusitania that officials frankly admitted their gratification over the changed position of the Imperial Government.

Secretary Lansing said in a formal statement that the letter "appears to be a recognition of the fundamental principle which we have contended for." He immediately sent the communication to the White House and discussed it in cheerful vein with his callers, who included Chief Justice White, Secretary McAdoo and Senator Tillman of South Carolina. Everywhere in Administration circles there was a visible relaxation of the tension which had existed ever since the Lusitania tragedy, though issued by the earlier administration of Count Bernstorff and advised from Ambassador Gerard as to the attitude of officials in Berlin.

The next step it is stated authoritatively, will be a formal communication from the German Government, disavowing the destruction of the Arabic and tendering regret and reparation for American lives lost in the disaster if the attack was made by a German submarine. Even if the submarine which torpedoed the British man-of-war, as has been suggested both from Berlin and London, the Berlin Foreign Office is expected to send its disavowal as soon as a reasonable time has passed without report from its commander.

Once the situation growing out of the Arabic incident has been disposed of the response to the long unanswered American note on the Lusitania will be dispatched, and if Germany's explanations and proposals in this case are accepted by the United States officials here expect the way to be cleared for a complete understanding between the two governments on the subject of freedom of the seas.

### PLANNING NATIONAL DEFENSE.

Wilson Can Proceed With More Freedom.—Washington.—With danger of serious trouble with Germany apparently removed, President Wilson, it was said authoritatively, believes he can proceed with more freedom in development of the national defense plans because there can be no suspicion that they are directed against any particular nation.

The President's idea, it was said, is to prepare a program for several years in advance, and in doing so to secure the expert opinion of army and navy officers, who have been watching military developments in Europe.

Money Easy and Plentiful.—"Washington Business" conditions throughout the United States have changed but little in the last month, according to reports from the 12 Federal Reserve Board. The reports indicate slight improvement, with large crops in sight, manufacturing in special lines stimulated by foreign orders and money easy and plentiful. Richmond reported that it is realized in the cotton territory there can be no excuse this year for a repetition of the experience of last fall.

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Mexicans Sent to Jail.—San Antonio, Texas.—J. A. Hernandez and Lucio Luna, who speaking at a large gathering of Mexicans, made remarks calculated to incite Mexicans here to revolt against the United States, were sentenced in police court to two hundred days in jail. Dominiano Hernandez, who distributed a pamphlet urging a social revolution was sent to jail for 100 days on a vagrancy charge. The trio probably will be given into the hands of the Federal authorities after the jail sentences expire.

DOUBLE WORK BY SPREADER.—White Harvest in Progress Wagon is Available for Hauling Crops From the Fields.—Ordinarily the manure spreader is in use at seasons of the year when the field work is not demanding attention. While the harvest is in progress, it will be found idle; hence, it is available for other work.

In districts where field roots, such as mangels, sugar beets, or turnips are grown, the manure spreader may serve as a wagon in transferring the crop from the field to the root cellar or pit.

A simple adjustment will enable the operator to save considerable time, as well as the task of unloading with the aid of a shovel. The cylinder or spreader is first removed from the end of the box, and a suitable end board is set in place, the latter being held by an iron bar or rod.

When the load is taken to the cellar, the end board can be lifted out

## MR. TAFT SPEAKS ON PREPAREDNESS

INCREASED WAR AND NAVY SUBJECT OF PRINCIPLE "TAFT DAY" SPEAKER.

### CONGRATULATES PRESIDENT

Relief of Tension With Germany Should Be Source of Profound Rejoicing by Americans.

San Francisco.—William Howard Taft advocated preparedness for war and detailed means for its accomplishment in an address at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, delivered at "Taft Day" exercises.

He also reviewed portions of the United States coast artillery at the Presidio of San Francisco. A silver loving cup, inscribed "In grateful remembrance of his unflinching friendship and the fulfillment of his confidence that San Francisco knows how," was presented to him by the exposition officials.

In beginning his address Mr. Taft declared Germany's acquiescence to the rights of non-combatants on commercial liners "should be the cause of profound rejoicing by every patriotic American and the occasion for congratulation to the President."

"It must relieve the strain between the two countries. The shadow of a serious breach passes," he continued. "It should not, however, lead our people away from their duty of reasonable preparation. The incident though closed as we all hope, except as to indemnity for the lives of those already drowned, shows how near, as neutrals, we are to the war. It shows that we must be careful to insist upon our rights as much as that we ought to be reasonably prepared to defend against their invasion by any belligerent power."

### TEUTONS MAKE HEADWAY.

Riga Only Section Where Russians Have Solid Front.

London.—Except in the region of Riga, where the Russians are presenting a solid front, the Austro-German offensive again is making headway. The western forts of Grodno were evacuated after two of them were destroyed by the heavy guns and stormed by the German infantry, and it is considered extremely likely the whole fortress already has been left to its fate. Vienna, doubtless, has the next objective of the Austro-Germans on this front.

Vienna reports a series of successes which virtually have driven the Russians out of Galicia; they now hold only a very narrow strip between the Sereth and Bessarabia. Across the border in the latter province the Austrians say the Russians set fire to a number of villages, which might indicate a further retreat.

Thus hopes raised recently in the Allied countries that Russia at last was making a stand, have been dispelled. The Austro-Germans, however, claim no large captures of men or guns and the Russians apparently are keeping their guns well behind the infantry.

### Turks Burn Town.

London.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Athens says: "Travelers arriving from Constantinople announce that Turks burned the town of Ismid and massacred a large number of the American inhabitants." Ismid, at the head of the Gulf of Ismid in Asia-Minor, is 56 miles southeast of Constantinople. Its population is about 25,000.

### Two Americans Killed.

Brownsville, Texas.—The bullet-riddled bodies of two Americans who were kidnapped by Mexican bandits 12 miles north of here were found in the bed of a dried lake.

### Two More Bodies Identified.

Honolulu.—The two bodies taken out from the submarine F-4 were identified as those of Charles H. Wells of Norfolk, Va., machinist mate and Frank N. Herzog of Salt Lake City, Utah, electrician. Wells was identified by a notebook which naval officers decided contained no information that would solve the mystery of the submarine's disappearance in Honolulu Bay March 25, with 22 men on board. The identification of Herzog was made through records of dental work done for him.

### Government Wants Information.

Washington.—Ambassador Page was instructed to secure detailed information as to the expected relaxations in enforcements of the British order-in-council against American commerce. The state department wants to know just what character of shipments will be allowed to pass and through what channels application may be made to secure release of American cargoes now detained. The ambassador was directed to inquire whether Great Britain would "facilitate matters."

### To the Public.

"I feel that I owe the manufacturers of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy a word of gratitude," writes Mrs. T. N. Witherall, Gowanda, N. Y. "When I began taking this medicine I was in great pain and feeling terribly sick, due to an attack of summer complaint. After taking a dose of it I had not long to wait for relief as it benefited me almost immediately." Obtainable everywhere. adv.

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