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BERLIN REPORTS TROOP TRANSPORT SUNK BY GERMANS

According To Report, Human Cargo and Convoy Steamer Lost By British

LONDON REPORTS ONLY SINKING OF ONE SHIP

This Was Small Irish Coast Steamer Downshire, and Here Germans Let Crew Escape, Then Used Bomb On Vessel; Submarines Appear Unable To Attack The Faster Ships; Russians Appear To Have Decisively Checked German Advance From East Prussia; No More News of Dardanelles Bombardment

Berlin, Feb. 21.—By wireless to Sayville.—The report of the sinking of a British transport with troops and an accompanying steamer, reached Berlin today too late for comment by morning papers.

All of the papers, however, feature the report in first page headlines, together with reports of the sinking of other vessels by submarines or mines.

If, as is indicated by the foregoing, a British transport has been sunk, the news probably has been withheld in London.

Although accounts of the sinking of various other steamers by German submarines or by mines have been passed promptly by the British censors, there was no intimation in London dispatches of the destruction of a transport.

SUBMARINE GETS ANOTHER

London, Feb. 21.—(10:45 p. m.)—A German submarine, described by some as the U-12 and by others as the U-21 operating in the Irish Sea yesterday, found another victim in the little Irish coastal steamer Downshire. The Downshire was sunk not far from the spot where the British steamer Cambank was torpedoed a few hours earlier. The Downshire's crew, however, were given time to escape in their boats, and instead of wasting a torpedo, the Germans used a bomb.

On the other side of the British Isles in the North Sea near the Island of Wierum, the American steamer Evelyn, cotton-laden, struck a mine, she sank, but her crew was saved.

PAST LINERS SEEM IMMUNE

This makes up the total of steamers destroyed by submarines and mines during the past 24 hours, as far as is known. The submarines up to now have demonstrated their ability to attack only slow steamers or those anchored, as a number of liners have passed to and fro in the Irish Sea where the German craft have been at work, without being approached. In fact, with respect to Liverpool and other West coast ports, the arrivals and departures have been above the Saturday and Sunday average, according to Lloyd's list.

LITTLE NEWS FROM LAND

None of the official reports of the land fighting contains important information, although there are big battles in progress near the East Prussian frontier, where the Russians have advanced in Western Galicia, where the Russians have become more active; in the Carpathians, and in Bukovina, where again the Russians have been reinforced and are resisting the Austro-German advance.

Petrograd dispatches say the Germans have met an unimpeachable barrier in the vicinity of Osovetz and that their difficulties have been increased by the capture of the town of Nossava River. They are in great force, however, and the battle, which is only beginning, promises to be a severe one.

There seems to be little change in the relative positions in West Galicia and in the Carpathians, the battle lines remaining about as they were. A big battle is being fought north of the Nadworna-Kolomea line in Southeastern Galicia, and the Russians have brought up large reinforcements from Stanislaw.

Russians and Turkish forces again have come into touch in the Caucasus in the Trans-Iberouk region, but the result of the encounters is not given. There again has been a slackening to the activity in the West.

No further word has been received of the attack on the Dardanelles forts by the British and French fleets.

French Sweep Germans Busy

London, Feb. 21.—(3:35 p. m.)—A British military observer with the French army describes advantages the French have gained in the last few months in a statement given out today by the official information bureau as follows:

Since the repulse of the Germans in Flanders, the French army has advanced in the French line, north of Arras, a village or two between Arras and the corner of the line nearest Paris a belt varying from a mile and a half to two hundred yards in breadth east of Rheims and 15 to 20 miles of what was German territory in Alsace—these acres are all that have been gained. The enemy's hold on Belgium and northeastern France is as strong as ever.

The British observer, nevertheless, contends that the stream of the French army has been very great and that its work is deserving of the gratitude and admiration of the allied powers. It has kept the German army as busi-

WILSON READS CAUSE OF TURKEY

Says Provocation Forced The Nation To Enter The War Against Entente

RUSSIA ALWAYS ENEMY

Ottomans Had No Faith in Change of Heart at Petrograd; Turks a White Race and Fighting For White Man's Chance, Says Halin in First Interview

(By The Associated Press.)
Constantinople, via London, Feb. 21.—11:20 p. m.—Prince Said Halim, the Turkish Grand Vizier, in the first interview he ever has given, has outlined to The Associated Press Turkey's reason for entering the war. He explained the abolition of the capitulations and pointed out advances made during the past six years.

"We have rejected the Triple Entente to guarantee Turkey's integrity for thirty years," said the Grand Vizier, "because acceptance would have been detrimental to Turkey's sovereignty. Turkey's experience with the Triple Entente by the powers forming the Triple Entente (Great Britain, France, and Russia), has not been favorable to the promotion of confidence.

"Turkey knew that to enter into relations with Great Britain, France and Russia would have harmed the country's interest. Russia, moreover, is our hereditary enemy, from whom we could not expect assistance in the event of a war. Had the past actions of these powers been different, the page of history which is now being written might have read differently.

"We were tired of the hypocrisy actuating the Triple Entente when dealing with Turkey; so we did what provocation forced us to do—went to war. Turkey was made the object of many falsehoods, and the government has been obliged to make a good military showing if the government had not obtained the hearty cooperation of all Ottomans."

Turkey Making Progress.
"This fact is, the present war shows Turkey even more united than we had expected. That Turkey is capable of developing the highest form of national solidarity is a demonstrated fact.

The Turkish people want a chance to work out their destiny. Our last six years ago was good. Much has been accomplished already. We have initiated many measures promoting the well-being of the people in Constantinople.

"I realize there is much to do, but the world should not forget that our means are limited. We have been hampered by the capitulations.

Claim to Be White Race.
"We are not a barbaric people, not savage, not black, not brown, not yellow, but white, with every right of man. We are a people willing to invest its wealth and blood in the opportunity to make good, as Americans say.

"Turkey has been misrepresented and misunderstood. We have initiated the sympathy to which she is entitled. Heretofore we were the pawn in Europe's politics and our interests were wholly unconsidered. We were tired of this, and now are fighting for our own sake. Turkey exists for the sake of Turkey.

The claim that Turkey is bound to pass under the sway of Germany is absurd. Have Austria-Hungary and Italy passed under the sway of their powerful ally in the alliance?"

Foreign Schools Not Affected

The matter of foreign schools is simple enough. We propose to give these institutions the status enjoyed by them in the United States, the management continuing to be independent. All we wished to accomplish by the abolition of the capitulations was the elimination of the small States within Turkey created when the Sultan had not ascertained that these will never be needed, but the time has come when Turkey is anxious to extend to all within her borders the protection and guarantees given by other governments.

PALMETTO SOLONS ADJOURN

Session Ends Up After All Night Sitting.
(By The Associated Press.)
Columbia, S. C., Feb. 21.—The annual session of the South Carolina General Assembly ended here early today. After an all-night meeting made necessary in order to pass bills carrying the appropriations for the next fiscal year.

Important legislation enacted at this session included a law providing for an election on State-wide prohibition on September 14, next, a measure limiting the importation of liquor for beverage purposes into "dry" counties to one gallon per person per month; authorization of bond issues, not to exceed an aggregate of \$5,000,000 for the counties for road improvement; a local option compulsory school attendance law, and the creation of a commission to study workmen's compensation laws.

The session was made notable by reason of the fact that three different men occupied the gubernatorial chair during its life. They were Cole L. Blease, who resigned on January 14, soon after the assembly convened; C. A. Smith, who as lieutenant-governor, succeeded Blease, and Richard I. Manning, the regularly elected governor, who began his two-year term January 19.

SPEAKER WOOTEN IS RESTING WELL

Takes a Turn For The Better and Had Comfortable Day Sunday

GIVEN EVERY ATTENTION

Rallied From Operation of Saturday and With No Unlooked For Complications Believed That He Will Rapidly Recover; Senator Johnson Is in Normal Condition

(By The Associated Press.)
The friends of Speaker Emmett R. Wooten, whose condition for the past few days has been such as to cause much concern, will be gratified to know that he is resting more comfortably and that he had a good day yesterday. The spirit of the day, the balmy air and the blessed sunshine seemed to have an enervating effect on him and after the very difficult and serious operation of Saturday evening, he seemed to rally and all day yesterday his suffering was apparently less severe and if no unlooked for complication set in it is now believed that he has a fine chance for complete recovery.

After the operation, which he stood with Spartan-like fortitude, he was, necessarily weak and exhausted and was restless during the night, only getting slight snatches of sleep but with the coming of the day he rallied and as stated above had a very comfortable day.

He is being given every attention by the faithful physicians and nurses and his devoted wife and grey-haired mother are constantly by his bedside.

Hundreds of sympathizing friends have called on him and the telephone line is kept busy answering inquiries as to his condition.

There is no more popular man in the State than the Speaker and many prayers are ascending daily that he may soon be driven to his feet and to his family to his friends and to the State which he has served so ably and well.

Senator Johnson Almost Well.
The exaggerated reports sent out from Raleigh as to the condition of Senator E. D. Johnson are unfounded and does not fit the gentleman as Senator Johnson, while still suffering severely from the shock and grief over the loss of his friend, William Aycock, and the terrible injuries sustained by Speaker Wooten, is in his normal condition and will be able to be at his seat in the Senate this morning. He was able to take an automobile drive in company with a number of friends yesterday afternoon and was himself at the steering wheel.

Negro Driver Improving.
The negro driver who was in the machine, Tuma Matthews, is at St. Agnes hospital where he was taken directly after the accident. While suffering severely from bruises received in the accident, no bones were broken and it is said that he will be discharged from the hospital in a few days.

Immediately after the accident this faithful negro emerged from the wreck and ran with the speed of the wind, himself badly bruised—to the city for aid to his stricken master. As soon as he could be located by sitting on the side of the road with his arms around his dead friend.

Pathetic Incident.
One of the most pathetic incidents connected with this unfortunate affair was the heroic conduct of Senator Johnson. He was in the car and was thrown from the shock by the crash of the machine. His friend, William Aycock, buried under the machine, his life crushed out, the Duplin Senator retained his presence of mind and when help reached the party he placed Speaker Wooten in the car and when to the hospital refusing to leave the body of his dead friend. When the car returned help had arrived and the body of young Aycock had been taken from under the machine and Senator Johnson was found sitting on the side of the road with his arms around his dead friend.

Upon reaching the hospital Senator Johnson, meeting his friend Representative Allen, of Goldsboro there, could restrain himself longer and fell on his neck and strong man as he is, he wept. Others standing by could not restrain their tears and turned away in silence.

The meeting at Fremont Friday between Senator Johnson and Mrs. Aycock mother of the dead boy was an affecting scene and one calculated to bring tears to the heart of a man of stone.

Wild and Baseless Rumors.
Many wild and baseless rumors have been flying around the city as to the State in regard to this very deplorable accident, and statements have been made that are absolutely without any foundation.

The fact that these gentlemen, all men of fine character, one of them the Speaker of the House and another a State Senator had been to the Country Club and were returning at a late hour is no valid reason why such reports as have been in circulation should have been started.

Tuma Matthews, a negro it is true, but a trusted servant of Senator Johnson, was at the wheel and he had not been admitted to the privileges of the Country Club. He was cool sober, in fact it is said, and not denied that he is not addicted to the use of liquor in any shape, form or fashion.

It is hoped that such idle talk will cease. There is no ground for it. It will bring sorrow to the family of the dead man and will not help the reputation of the living. It is therefore earnestly desired that this unjust and damaging talk will be heard no more and that every one will utter a prayer for the recovery of the man who has been stricken, a man so signally honored by his State and a man who gives promise of so much usefulness to his State and his country.

SENATE FACES A GIANT TASK

Upper Body Must Pass Upon Hundred Millions a Day This Week

AND THEN THE SHIP BILL

What Will Happen When This Measure Comes Out of Conference, Is Guarded With Secrecy; Philippine Independence Will Likely Go By The Board

(By The Associated Press.)
Washington, D. C., Feb. 21.—Congress sets out tomorrow on a six-day race with the waiting array of appropriation bills.

The Senate must dispose of the big supply measures at the rate of nearly a hundred million dollars a day, if, according to agreement among the leaders, it is to bring the ship purchase bill from the conference closed February 27 to debate it until March 4th.

In the House the crush of the appropriation bills is over, but the Senate still has fourteen of the most important supply bills to pass. Leaders expect to dispose of the grip before the end of the week.

Plans for the ship bill are more or less cloaked in mystery. It was put in conference last week until next Saturday, with the understanding that the supply bills should be passed in the meantime. Its opponents declare it is dead and that if it is not they can talk it to death. That the conference could make the bill acceptable to administration Democrats to insure passage and to progressive Republicans as well and pass the changed bill in both houses is looked upon as doubtful.

Several Projects Will Die.
The death of other measures at this Congress also seems certain. They include the Philippine independence bill and the conservation bills designed to unlock resources of the West for development.

Some miscellaneous minor legislation will be attempted during the closing fortnight of Congress. An effort will be made in both houses to repeal the old Spanish war revenue tax and also to aid in meeting the demand for cheap food.

A special sub-committee investigating charges against Federal Judge Alton G. Dayton of W. Virginia, is expected to meet tomorrow to begin framing its report.

Gardner to Speak Again.
The fortification bill tomorrow will be a vehicle of discussion of national defenses in the House. Representative Gardner, who will make another speech on the subject, has today written Charles J. Bonaparte, Secretary of the Navy under President Roosevelt, in 1905, which said:

"The navy should be made just as soon as possible strong enough to be counter with at least an equal chance of victory the entire fleet of any power whose hostility is a reasonable possibility of the future. For practical purposes the navy should be made the entire fleet of any power except Great Britain."

BERNHARDT UNDER THE KNIFE TODAY

Great Singer Holds Courage in Face of Ordeal and Probable Death

(By The Associated Press.)
Bordeaux, via Paris, Feb. 21.—Surgeons at the Hospital of St. Augustin-of-Archachon decided definitely to amputate the right leg of Sarah Bernhardt tomorrow. Mme. Bernhardt maintains her courage. She is receiving a large number of telegrams from all parts of the world expressing sympathy.

Principal Learns Its Role

(By The Associated Press.)
Paris, Feb. 21.—4:35 p. m.—The intrinsigant today print the following letter from Sarah Bernhardt to the actress in the Atlantic Coast Line's Florida Flyer near Alexandria, Va., last Thursday night has been cleared up, according to an announcement by the Adams Express Company here today, through a statement from the two messengers in the car that one of them smashed the company's strong box and threw it from the moving train.

The box contained no valuables. The messengers are now in the hospital, and the company is waiting for the results of the autopsy. The messengers are A. Y. Chambliss, of Charleston, S. C., and M. M. Williams, of Rose Hill, N. C.

BREAD TICKETS TODAY.
Government Decreases Touches All Germans.
Berlin, Feb. 21.—Via London.—Bread or flour will not be obtainable here after Monday except on the presentation of bread tickets.

STUDENT KILLED BY MOVING TRAIN

R. B. Hayes Meets Death at Wake Forest in Most Tragic Manner

TRAIN MOVING SLOWLY

In Order To Save Distance Young Man Steps Off at Crossing and Is Mangled Beneath Wheels; Taken To Hospital But Efforts To Save Life Hopeless

(Special to The News and Observer.)
Wake Forest, Feb. 21.—R. B. Hayes, of LaCrosse, Va., a Wake Forest student, was struck by the Soaboard northbound passenger train No. 4 at 2 o'clock this morning, as he was attempting to get off the train at the crossing near the station, and three hours later died in the Wake Forest hospital. Memorial services were held at the Baptist church this morning and his body was shipped to Norfolk at noon today, where it will be buried in the family vault.

This sad accident has cast a deep gloom over the college and village. Hayes was a member of the Freshman class and very popular with the faculty and student body.

Hayes had gone to Raleigh yesterday afternoon and was returning on the early morning train which is due here at 2:45 o'clock. With him was one of his friends, C. E. Tighe. The train was standing to let the fast Florida Limited pass. It was running at a very slow rate of speed, and the two boys made an effort to jump off of the train and go on up to their rooms at Mr. Roy Mitchell's residence, by getting off there instead of going up to the station the boys would have some distance in going to their rooms. Tighe jumped off safely and was on his way to his room when he was called back by the cry of his friend, who was being pulled back under the train and dragged along about seventy-five yards. His overcoat may have gotten caught and pulled him back or he may have struck against some obstruction and was thrown under the moving train. Mr. J. C. McDuffie, a student who works at the power house which is near by, was the first to reach Mr. Hayes. Hayes was conscious, although his body was terribly mangled. He gave the trainmen information about himself and said that he was trying to jump off and was pulled back under the train in some way.

Operation in Va.
Hayes was carried to the college hospital where he was operated upon by Dr. Wilbur Smith. Several bones were found to be broken. Injuries were found on his head and the whole side of his body was completely mangled. Hayes said at the hospital that there was no use to operate, that he realized he was going to die. He was suffering intense pain and heered that some one cut his throat. At ten minutes to six o'clock this morning he died.

The student body and faculty is deeply grieved over the accident that befell the life of this young man. Although this was his first year in college he had many friends and was well liked by all who knew him. He was 21 years of age, and weighed about 170 pounds, being almost a perfect specimen of young manhood. All the year Hayes has been talked of as a baseball player and he had a week in the college team.

Memorial Service Held.
Rev. W. E. Crocker, a missionary, and President Fretwell spoke at the memorial service held at 11 o'clock this morning in the church. Doctor Post spoke about the distress of bereavement out the life of a young man and of the shock to the student body and of the grief to the parents and relatives. The calligraphy of his death certificate was read by Messrs. J. M. Galbraith, A. F. Pote, C. E. Bird, R. M. Griffin, H. B. Harrell and C. C. Warren.

Messrs. R. M. Griffin, A. F. Pote, and C. E. Bird accompanied the remains to Norfolk, where the party will be met. The remains will then be carried to the old home place for burial, not far from Norfolk.

EXPRESS ROBBERY A FAKE

Messengers of Coast Line Confess They Smashed Safe.
Washington, D. C., Feb. 21.—Mystery surrounding the reported robbery of the express car on the Atlantic Coast Line's Florida Flyer near Alexandria, Va., last Thursday night has been cleared up, according to an announcement by the Adams Express Company here today, through a statement from the two messengers in the car that one of them smashed the company's strong box and threw it from the moving train.

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BREAD TICKETS TODAY

Government Decreases Touches All Germans.
Berlin, Feb. 21.—Via London.—Bread or flour will not be obtainable here after Monday except on the presentation of bread tickets.

Proprietors of the largest restaurants announce they can make bread containing no wheat, oats or barley flour which can be served without bread tickets. The ingredients have been kept secret but they are believed to be mainly rice flour and potatoes.

Peru Parry Crisis

Lima, Peru, Feb. 21.—The government has decided to import flour from the United States to sell at cost to relieve the famine-stricken people. The finance minister is seeking a loan of \$1,750,000 to meet the financial crisis.

SMALL AMERICAN STEAMER SUNK BY MINE IN NORTH SEA

The Evelyn, Loaded With Over Five Thousand Bales of Cotton Lost, But the Crew is Saved

WASHINGTON STARTS INQUIRY IN MOTION

(By The Associated Press.)
Bremen, via London, Feb. 21.—7:40 p. m.—The American steamer Evelyn, which sailed from New York January 29, with a cotton cargo worth Bremen, was sunk by a mine yesterday off Borkum Island in the North Sea.

The vessel's captain and 27 of her crew were saved. The nationality of the mine which destroyed the Evelyn has not been established.

WILSON THE ONE MAN WHO CAN WIN

Norman Mack Says It's a Waste of Time To Consider Any Other

HOLDS NEW YORK PIVOTAL

Former Chairman Democratic National Committee Aboard Ship On Way To San Francisco Says Country Turns To Wilson and Gives Some of The Reasons For This

(By HOWARD A. BANKS.)
San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 21.—Ex-National Committeeman Norman E. Mack, of Buffalo, with Mrs. Mack and their two charming daughters are passengers on the Great Northern, which put into port here today. The young ladies are evidently loyal to their Scotch lineage, for they walk the deck wearing dainty Scottish bonnets, with ribbons fluttering in the breeze.

Mr. Mack thinks that it is a waste of time to consider anybody else than Wilson as presidential timber in 1916 on the Democratic side. He is the one man who can win.

Like Gov. Glynn, who is also aboard, Mr. Mack believes that Justice Hughes of the Supreme court or Gov. Whitman will carry the Republican banner. Mr. Lamont, of New Jersey, however, another prominent Democrat who is aboard, believes that Herrick is the man in the running, and is a much stronger man than most people usually believe. He had occasion to look into some of Herrick's report to the ambassador when he was in the States, and he introduced an element of speculation.

The United States government earlier in the day virtually had decided to support openly the German cause, or the neutral ensigns or possible attacks by submarines on neutral vessels in the new sea zones of war.

AMERICAN RIGHTS STAND.
When the North Sea first was mined so far as legitimate means of hostility to both Germany and Great Britain, but the United States took the position that it was impossible to determine which country had been the aggressor and, therefore, made no protest, though it does not consider its rights compromised by this silence.

Liplomatically neutrals are helpless in obtaining redress for the loss of ships by contact mines unless absolute proof can be adduced to show the nationality of the mines, that no pilot was available or that the mines were being from their anchorage, were far distant from belligerent areas.

Efforts to obtain a convention to prohibit the laying of mines have failed. In 1907 such a convention was drafted and ratified by the United States, Great Britain and a few of the other nations, though it never became effective.

THE VIEW OF AMERICA.
In one of the publications of the United States Navy college, the benefit of American naval commanders, the status of the question of the mines and torpedoes is thus summarized:

"It may be affirmed that the use of mines is a legitimate means of hostilities as between belligerents. It is position does not imply that mines may be used at will, without regard to those not concerned in the war. The use of mines should be confined strictly to military operations and areas and the peril should not extend to innocent neutrals. As ETA ETAGNUU cent neutrals."

GERMANY MAY BE LIABLE.
The reference in the report from the American Consul at Bremen to the destruction of the Evelyn at Borkum in German waters when she struck the mine, consequently some officials believed that had been covered by government insurance, an interesting precedent in international law may grow out of the proceedings.

MISS ROUNTREE BETTER.
Daughter Superior Court Judge Not Seriously Hurt.
(Special to The News and Observer.)
Wilmington, Feb. 21.—Miss Cynthia Rountree, who was hurt yesterday when the horse she was riding fell, is reported tonight as getting along very nicely. She was badly bruised about the head but no bones were broken. Her injuries are not so seriously considered serious. Judge General Rountree, her father, who is away holding court, was advised that her condition was not such as to require his presence here. Two or three years ago Miss Rountree was seriously hurt in a runaway accident.