

# British Submarine With All on Board Reported Lost

### Crew of Eleven Men Who Lost Their Lives Were Volunteers to The Service--Series of Similar Wrecks Has Caused Much Mourning.

### The Submarine "A 3" was in Collision With the Gunboat Hazard--Big Rent Cut in The Little Vessel's Side and It Sank.

Portsmouth, Eng., Feb. 2.—Total loss this morning of the submarine "A 3" with all her crew, after collision with the gunboat Hazard, adds another to the long list of similar accidents which have in recent years thrown the British navy and nation into mourning.

The crew of 11 men on board the little vessel, which is one of the older class, was composed of volunteers from the men of the fleet, as is the case with the complements of all submarines.

The men, in spite of the hazardous nature of the service, like the work and volunteer in large numbers to be detailed to the submarine flotilla.

Torpedo practice had been in progress for some time. The submarine "A 3" was partially submerged when she came into collision with the gunboat Hazard. The gunboat was steaming at a fairly high rate of speed and when she struck the submarine her bows cut a big rent in the little vessel's side.

As the "A 3" settled down air and gas bubbles appearing on the surface told the crew of the Hazard that she was sinking with water.

It was practically certain that the fate of the two officers and nine men of which her crew was composed was sealed. The Hazard, however, threw off life boats and launched boats in an effort to save the men should succeed in escaping, but none of them came to the surface.

Besides the regular crew of ten men and a lieutenant, who were on board the "A 3," the admiral's staff states that three other lieutenants were on the vessel going through a course of instruction and were drowned when the submarine sank, making a total of 14 deaths.

Portsmouth, Eng., Feb. 2.—The British submarine "A 3" sank this morning after a collision with the British gunboat Hazard, off the eastern end of the Isle of Wight. A cruiser is standing by to render assistance.

The "A 3" carried a crew of 11 men, whose fate is not yet known.

It is believed, however, that all are lost and that the vessel is full of water.

British submarines belonging to the "A" class have been singularly unfortunate in an explosion on the "A 5" six men were killed and 12 injured at Queenstown on February 15th, 1905.

The "A 8" sank off Plymouth on June 1, 1906, when 14 men of her crew of 18 lost their lives. The "A 4" sank during maneuvers at Portsmouth on November 16 of the same year, but the whole of her crew were rescued with considerable difficulty. Seven of the crew of the "A 1" were injured by an explosion on August 6, 1904.

This class of boat is a single screw vessel of a modified Holland type with a length of 100 feet and a beam of 12 feet 8 inches. Their displacement is 150 tons. They are driven by gasoline motors when on the surface and by electric motors when submerged.

The submarine "A 3" which went out of the harbor this morning to carry out a series of diving and torpedo exercises, sank like a stone immediately after the collision with the gunboat Hazard.

A big escape of gas which was observed on the surface immediately after the collision indicates that the vessel quickly filled with water.

The submarine lies on the Princess Royal almost on the same spot where the submarine "A 1" was lost with all hands on March 15, 1904.

The commander in chief of the Portsmouth division of the British navy confirms the flooding of the submarine "A 3" and the drowning of all the crew.

## THE DAY IN CONGRESS.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 2. Senate:

Appropriation for Savannah emancipation celebration will be favorably reported.

Coop operators urge before interstate commerce committee an interstate trade commission.

Not in session; meets Monday 2 p. m.

Lorimer election investigation continued with Detective Bailey testifying. Finance committee will decide late today its action on democratic steel bill.

House: Met at noon. Pension appropriation bill up for passage.

Steel trust investigation committee resumed hearings.

President Taft's message recommending legislation for Alaska and public domain in general and urging international inquiry into high cost of living was read.

Leader Underwood announced he would present to democratic caucus Wednesday a resolution for separate "money trust" and shipping combine investigations.

Hearing of contest for Representative Barthold's seat continued.

## Sherman Thinks Taft is Sure of It

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 2.—Vice President Sherman at the White House today added his comment to that of other republican leaders who believe President Taft will be re-nominated and re-elected.

"The situation so far as President Taft is concerned has improved wonderfully in the last few weeks," said he. "During three weeks of that time it was under the surface; in the last week the improvement has been above the surface. I never had a doubt as to the re-nomination of President Taft."

The republican party wins its victories in November and not in February. History will repeat itself this year," Mr. Sherman concluded.

## ANOTHER COTTON BROKERAGE FIRM FAILED TO - DAY

By Associated Press. New Orleans, Feb. 2.—Immediately following the announcement on the floor of the New Orleans cotton exchange at noon today that Charles D. Finley, member of the cotton brokerage firm of Finley and Simpson, had committed suicide, announcement of the failure of the firm was made.

This is the second failure in two days among the members of the local exchange, both of which are generally attributed to the sensational rise in the price of futures.

The firm of Finley and Simpson has been in business only a few months and is not thought to be heavily involved. The failure had no effect on prices.

Mr. Finley, who was one of the youngest brokers in this city, shot himself in the head at the Louisiana Club, which is only a short distance from the cotton exchange. He had evidently gone there from the exchange for the purpose of ending his life.

## SENATE COMMITTEE CONSIDERING STEEL BILL

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Feb. 2.—The senate finance committee's plan of action on the democratic steel bill is to be mapped out at a meeting of the leaders late today. The regular republicans contend for full hearings on interests affected by the reductions proposed in the bill. The democratic senators will not object to this if hearings are expedited.

The republican senators are favorably inclined toward a substitute for the Underwood bill. They do not like the ad valorem system of duties proposed.



HELD FOR MURDER. Mrs. Rene Bacon Morrow, prominent in Chicago society and club circles, who is out on \$40,000 bail, charged with the slaying of her husband, Charles B. Morrow, who was found shot to death December 28th on the porch of his home. Mrs. Morrow has denied the charge, and said that her husband was a suicide. Mrs. Morrow is known as a writer and poet, all of her productions having a religious note.

## New Skyscraper! Big Apartment Store Planned

A third skyscraper for Charlotte is not in the air, but on paper. It is to be erected on the southwest corner of Trade and Church streets, on what is known as the Mason's corner.

And by getting a new skyscraper Charlotte is to get a big up-to-date department store.

These two big facts have been in an embryonic state of development for several days, and were brought to a head yesterday afternoon at 5:30 at a meeting of the Masonic Temple Association, when the association gave an option on its Trade street property for \$80,000.

Mr. J. J. Misener and Mr. W. M. Paul, the latter, of New York, were parties securing the option.

The option expires by the 1st of March. The News can state authoritatively that the option will be taken up, and that Messrs. Misener and Paul will by that date hold the title to this valuable property.

They, with others, propose to build a 12-story building, the first floor, basement, and four stories to be used for a department store; the rest to be for office and general purposes.

In speaking of the proposed new store today, Mr. Paul said: "We have an offer for the main floor and four stories for a department store, which will be the largest and most complete in the Carolinas. Charlotte is growing fast and the trade of the future will demand the most up-to-date stores."

Mr. Misener is a son of Dr. C. A. Misener, one of Charlotte's most prominent physicians. He is a progressive, hustling young business man, and a successful one. Mr. Paul, who is associated with him, is a New York man. He knows what's what in business, having had years of experience. He is a newcomer, who is to help Charlotte grow.

The big transaction of yesterday afternoon, with the rich possibilities and richer probabilities, it contains, is proof of this.

A skyscraper on the "Masonic" corner, with a big retail department store therein will revolutionize business on West Trade street from Church street to the Southern station.

## Wilson Invited to South Carolina

By Associated Press. Columbia, S. C., Feb. 2.—By concurrent resolution the South Carolina general assembly today directed Senator McCown and Representatives McDow and Stevenson to extend Governor Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey a formal invitation to address the general assembly at some time convenient to him between this date and February 14.

## LOCAL FIRM BIDS SUCCESSFULLY FOR RESERVOIR

The firm of Johnson, Porter & Peck, contractors of this city was the successful bidder before the board of water commissioners last night for the construction of the monster 65,000,000 gallon reservoir that is to be erected beyond the Hoskin village as a part of the new water system of the city. The successful bid was \$31,359,255.

There were eight bidders, the figures and the bidders being as follows: Johnson, Porter & Peck of Charlotte \$31,359,255.

Porter & Boyd, of Charlotte, \$61,739. McCoy and Mayor of Richmond, Va., \$55,400.

The Frost Contracting Company of Charlotte, \$51,180.

The Stobaugh Construction Company of New York, N. Y., \$48,159.

The Edwards Construction Company, of Greensboro, \$42,060.

Abee Brothers & Hart of Hickory, N. C., \$37,934.

Lane Brothers of Altavista, Va., \$68,675.

The successful bidder is to furnish an acceptable indemnifying bond of 50 per cent of the contract price.

The board also awarded the contract for a number of water meters of the five-eight inch disc type. The contract for furnishing 35 of these meters was given to the Hedges Manufacturing Company of South Boston, Mass., while 25 will be furnished by the Pittsburg, Pa., and 25 by the Worthington Manufacturing Company.

The examination of all the bids in detail and the consideration of the merits of the various water meter types and other items kept the board in session till nearly 10 o'clock.

The letting of the contract for the reservoir leaves only a few contracts in connection with the water works extension to be let. The largest of these is for an engineer's house at the river station and the storage house of the water department to be built at the corner of Graham and Fifth streets. The combined cost of these two structures is estimated at \$2,500.

The work of constructing the new 65,000,000 gallon reservoir will be started at an early date, and when completed will store up enough water in reserve to last the city through any such contingency as the drought of last summer and will meet all the city's needs for many years to come.

## TAFT'S SPECIAL MESSAGE ON HIGH COST OF LIVING

Washington, Feb. 2.—President Taft in a message to congress today urged an international inquiry into the high cost of living. The president asked authority to invite the nations of the world to a conference in this city or elsewhere to make plans for the investigation of the "high prices that have so distressed the people of the world."

Mr. Taft also urged the appointment of a federal commission to make "searching inquiry into the subject of industrial relations."

"For some years past," said the president, "the high and steadily increasing cost of living has been a matter of great public concern. It is a matter of great public interest that an international conference be proposed at this time for the purpose of preparing plans, to be submitted to the various governments, for an international inquiry into the high cost of living, its extent, causes, effects, and possible remedies."

"There is no doubt but that a commission could be appointed of such unprejudiced and impartial persons, experts in investigation of economic facts, that a great deal of very valuable light could be shed upon the reasons for the high prices that have so distressed the people of the world, and information given upon which action might be taken to reduce the cost of living."

"Those who have conducted investigations have found that the phenomenon of rising prices is almost if not quite general throughout the world; but they are baffled in the attempt to trace the causes of even entirely out-of-date comparisons. This is because, in spite of the number of investigations already made, we are still without adequate data and because as yet no two countries estimate their price levels on the same basis or by the same methods."

As to the commission on industrial relations to the president said: "There should be an inquiry by the federal government into the general conditions of labor in the United States, notwithstanding the fact that some of the remedies will be entirely outside the sphere of governmental activity, in the hands of private individuals and of voluntary agencies. One legitimate object of such an official investigation and report is to enlighten and inform public opinion, which of itself will often induce or compel the reform of unjust conditions or the abatement of unreasonable demands."

## Juarez Garrison Reinstates Its Former Officers

## PRIVATE DETECTIVE AND PHONOGRAPH FIGURE IN HEARING

Washington, Feb. 2.—The story of how a private detective and a phonograph figured in the alleged "trapping" of Charles McGowan, a witness in the Lorimer senatorial investigation, was continued today.

A. C. Bailey, a detective who has alleged that when McGowan "admitted" to him that he had received money for testifying as a "Hines-Lorimer witness," a phonographic record of the alleged admission was made by a machine concealed under a table cloth, continued on the witness stand.

Attorney Hancey for Senator Lorimer was waiting to start his cross-examination of Bailey when the committee began its daily hearing.

Attorney W. J. Mynes, representing particularly Edward Hines, the lumberman, first took Bailey in hand. For 15 years the witness said he had been "running" for detective agencies.

"We don't understand 'trapping,'" interrupted Chairman Dillingham.

"That is what we call getting a man's confidence and leading him to tell things he otherwise would not tell," explained Bailey.

Attorney Hynes made the witness give an account of all his detective work.

Chairman Dillingham demanded to know why Bailey had not called in a third party to hear McGowan's admissions.

"There was nobody to call in," insisted the chairman.

Bailey said he had not proposed not to try the dictograph or a third man until he and McGowan were in Chicago.

"Couldn't you have worked the dictograph in Chicago as well as in Toronto?" asked the chairman.

The witness first said he could not "account for it," later he explained his account told him after he came to Chicago in touch with McGowan, as the committee was considering discontinuing his work.

"Isn't the reason you didn't get a third man to hear McGowan on your hunting trip or in Regina or Chicago because he never made such statement as you charge?" demanded Attorney Hynes.

"I don't think McGowan will go on the stand and deny it," Bailey retorted as he turned to face young McGowan.

## Norfolk Southern Elects New Officers

By Associated Press. Raleigh, Feb. 2.—At a meeting in Raleigh yesterday stockholders of the Norfolk, Charlotte & Southern Railway, the link of the Norfolk Southern to be made with the Durham & Charlotte from Raleigh to Charlotte the directors elected were E. T. Lamb of Norfolk, president of the Norfolk Southern; E. C. Duncan of Raleigh; M. S. Hawkins and Caldwell Hardy, of Norfolk; W. H. Chadbourne, Frederick Hoff and N. W. Rummion, of New York. All have interests in the Norfolk Southern.

## Gov. Wilson Had Previous Engagement

With regret will Charlotte hear that Gov. Wilson could not accept the invitation to visit this city at the present time. His answer to the telegram sent him yesterday by President Kiester, of the Greater Charlotte Club, and Mr. W. C. Dowd, of The News, were received last night. Both were messages of declaration.

## Disciplined American Troopers Guarding North Bank of Rio Grande Witnessed the Curious Contrast—Officers Must Obey the Soldiers.

## Mutineers Not Satisfied With Government's Promise to Provide Alleged Back Pay Due—Gomez, is Asserted, Fomented Revolt.

By Associated Press. El Paso, Texas, Feb. 2.—Disciplined American troopers guarding the north bank of the Rio Grande witnessed a curious contrast to themselves on the Juarez side today. This was presented when the mutineers reinstated their former officers, with the provision that the officers take no action without permission of the soldiers. The latter granted permission to their officers to repair bridges and trains from the south are expected to arrive tomorrow.

Despite the government's promise to provide alleged back pay due the soldiers, the mutineers are not satisfied. They say President Madero must assure them that he never intended to dismiss General Pasqual Orozco and that the present customs officials, held over from the Diaz regime, must be replaced with "heroes" of the insurrection last winter.

Street car communication between Juarez and El Paso has not been restored.

Gomez Concerned in Revolt. Mexico City, Feb. 2.—Foreign Minister Manuel Calero said today that it would not surprise him if it were proved that Emiliano Vasquez Gomez, former minister of the interior, who is named for provisional president of the Mexican republic in a proclamation circulated yesterday among the troops of the Juarez garrison, was concerned in the revolt at Juarez and in the Zapata rebellion.

The foreign minister was, however, inclined to think the other view, crediting Gomez with greater wisdom than to join in such movements.

Orzoco Leaves For Juarez. Chihuahua, Mexico, Feb. 2.—A detachment of 100 of Gen. Pasqual Orozco's men under Captain Roza, left in a special train for Juarez at 6 o'clock last evening. General Orozco with several hundred more men probably will leave here today.

Telegraphic communication has been re-established from here to Juarez and the train service will be resumed today. The city is quiet.

"My advice," says Governor Colquhitt in his message to the president, indicate serious disturbances at Juarez, opposite El Paso. I have disbanded the extra ranger force as per your suggestion. I ask that you give directions to the war department to protect the citizens of Texas from firing of Mexican bandits across the border. I ask that you give notice to the mutineers and Mexican government that they must not shoot into El Paso as they did at the last battle of Juarez. If necessary, I will take drastic steps to prevent this recurrence. Please advise me."

W. S. Clayton, president of the El Paso chamber of commerce, has telegraphed governor Colquhitt asking for protection and describing conditions there as serious.

Will Protect El Paso Citizens. Austin, Tex., Feb. 2.—In a message to President Taft today Governor Colquhitt advised the president that if necessary he will use drastic measures to protect the citizens of El Paso from a recurrence of conditions that prevailed on the American side in the battle of Juarez.

He asked the president to notify the Mexican government not to fire across the border.

## Report on Postal Rates Published

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 2.—The postal rate commission's report of its investigation of second class postal rates was laid before President Taft today by Associate Justice Hughes of the supreme court, the chairman.

The contents were not made public. President Taft will soon send a message to congress based on the report and transmitting his own recommendations as to the advisability of retaining the existing second class rate.

## Express Companies Defend Rates

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 2.—Efforts were being today by the express companies, at the hearing on express rates before the interstate commerce commission to justify existing rates because of the expense of handling and transportation and delivery.

In detail, George C. Taylor, vice president of the American Express Company and general manager of the western department, explained the operations of that company.