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Americans Declare Craft Fired First Torpedo, Submerg ed, Reappeared, Fired Second Missile and Then Trailed Flotilla In Which Men Escaped-Visible Longer Than Half Hour-Six United States Citizetis Given Up as Lest Include Two Carolinians-Frost Getting Affida-vits-Matter Seriouis Enough to Warrant Cabling the Summaries-Depositions of Officers Also Being Taken

Washington, Nov. 2. - Reopening of the entire armed merchantmen controversy between the United States and Germany is certain if it is proved that the British stea
er Marina was armed at the time she was sunk by supposed German submarine, statements by Secretary Lansing indicated today. Whether merchantmen have right to arm defensively is still an open question to
this government and Germany, Mr. Lansing admitted This will be the principal question in the event of negotiations with Germany, who would be expected to mai submarine pledges to the United States, following Lusitania incident. The question has been unsettled since the Lusitania negotiations, since that vessel was show to be unarmed. Secretary Lansing stated that the
Followed Bistressed Survivors.
London, Not. 2 s -The submarine that sunk the Br ish steamer Marina with the probable loss of six An Marina siank, but offered no assistance, American s today reported.
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story. pedo, they said, but came to the surface after seeir.g tha pedo, they said, but came to the surface after speirg that the port side.
Queenstown dispatches report the missing now atan-
the por doned as lost. Consul Frost will cable summarie
affidavits of American survivors, also deposition affuravits of American
surviving officers, today.
Two North Carolinians, Sedbury of Fayetteville an Brown, or Baird, of Charlotte, are among the missing.
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## SENTIMENT GROWING FOR RALLROAD FROM COOD PRICES GET BETER ON BAIGHT LEAF

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xceedingly unfavorable weather at the curing time ould cause the larger part of the crop to be black and ffi-color, and the strong prices at the outset of the sales season were attributed to that fact. It was said that the ouyers knew that the desirable weed would be rushed to
the market, and the off-color and inferior stuff would be held back and hence they "bulled" the market. Not so! For at no time this season has prettier tobacco been seen on the local warehouse floors than is being sold now.

Not only is the quality good, but the quantity is there,
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Thursday the estimates ran around 375,000 pounds
the five Kinston warehouses, and that was for the five Kinston warenouses, and that was than at any time before this season. In fact another "prophecy" is about to be exploded. It was said that the sales would fall way below that of other seasonk, and there is still an indication that the season's sales will be short, but not so short that the long prices obtained cannot run the intrinsic value of the year's crop way beyond that of any previous experience hereabouts. And if the sales continue to pun up as they have for the past week or so, the quantity will be nothing to be ashamed of, week or
either.
There are two outstanding facts that must give encouragement to the raisers of the weed in these parts. The
good prices with which the season opened have held up

Berlin Admits Evacuation of Last Important Position Before Verdun and Failure of Expensive Great Ottensive There-Garrison Could Not Stand Béfore Baptism of Fire Allies Had Poured Upon Works for Many Days-Did All They Could to Wake It Untenable Before Leaving-Von Falkenhay̆n Has to Be Reinforc-ed-Allies Holding Own at Least Temporarity Int Near East-Violent Attacks Continue

Berlin, Nov. 2.-Fort Vaux, on the northeast front at erdun, has been evacuated by the Germans, it is offiially announced. "The artillery engagement on the east ank of the Meuse increased to great intensity. The rench directed an especially destructive fire against Fort Vaux, which already had been evacuated by our
roops during the night following orders. Important roops during the night following orders. Important
orts of the fort were blasted by us before withdrawing,"
S the statement.
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Fort Vaux was the last of the Verdun forts remaining in possession of the Germans, Fort Douaumont having
captured in the recent French offensive. United
dispatches Saturday repprted that Vaux was surunded on three sides and was under an intense bomcondment.
Conditions In Near East Morr Favorable to Alihes.
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Petrograd, Nov. 2.-Field Marshal Von Mackensen halted his advance in Dobrudja apparently beraise a shortage of men, to protect his long line along the Danube. Bucharest dispatches deblare Von Mackensseh cas been forced to deplete his own forces to reinforce Von
alkenhayn, on the Transylvania front: Withdrawal of hese troops is said to have checked his offenisive opera-
ions. Practically everywhere on the Transylvania front, exept south of the Red Tower Passs, the Roumanianis are
maintaining their own. The Teutons have been checked their advance on Campolung, but are contiruing the heavy attacks in the Alt Valley, wheve the loss of two
Roumanian towns is conceded.

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