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## WHITE STAR LINER WITH AMERICAN PASSENGERS SUNK

Steamship Arabic With 423 persons Aboard Is Sunk Near Where Lusitania Went Down—All Americans Believed to Have Been Saved—Official Washington Is Shocked.

London, Aug. 19.—The White Star liner Arabic was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine this morning southeast of Fastnet. According to the White Star Co., no warning was given and the vessel sank in ten minutes. She was enroute from Liverpool to New York, and therefore was without contraband. Of the 423 persons aboard, 181 passengers and 242 crew, thirty-two are missing, all but six of these being members of the crew.

Whether any victims were Americans is not yet determined, these being twenty-six aboard. It is reported that the passengers had just seen a British steamer, presumably the Dunsley, torpedoed and the Arabic passengers were adjusting their life preservers when the German torpedo hit the vessel.

The passengers took to rafts and life boats, and were later picked up by other ships and taken to Queens-town. There was almost perfect order in launching the boats, according to survivors. This and the fact that the liners now traverse the war zone with life boats swung out, and that the day was clear, probably saved many lives. Captain Will Finch and most of the officers were saved.

The Arabic tonnage was 5,000. She is the largest ship, except the Lusitania, that the Germans have torpedoed. The torpedo boat was seen to rise just before it fired the torpedo, which hit the starboard side about 700 feet from the stern.

Washington, Aug. 19.—The news of the torpedoing of the British liner Arabic with Americans aboard came as a shock to the American officials, who had hoped that since the last note to Germany there would be no further aggravation of the already tense situation. While it is not known officially whether any Americans were lost, the torpedoing without warning of a vessel carrying Americans has in itself been pronounced by the United States as a violation of its rights, which, if repeated, would be regarded as "deliberately unfriendly."

### No Americans Lost.

New York, Aug. 19.—A careful checking of the various lists of survivors here shows that no Americans were lost on the Arabic, unless some of them boarded the steamer at the last minute and were listed as of other nationalities.

On her last eastward trip the Arabic arrived in Liverpool on August 6 from New York.

After a receipt of a cablegram announcing her safe arrival, the Bureau of Combustibles of New York City allowed the fact to become known that two sticks of dynamite had been discovered on board the liner on July 27, the night before she sailed from New York.

Once before since the beginning of the war the Arabic had a close call. A cable message from London on March 27 said the steamer had been pursued by a German submarine in the Irish Sea, on the voyage which ended on that day. According to this account, a periscope was sighted as the steamer went in from St. George's channel, and it soon became obvious that a hostile submarine was in pursuit. The Arabic put on full steam and outdistanced the submarine.

On the occasion of the apparent attempt to dynamite the Arabic last month, the explosive, which was discovered by a private detective, was concealed under a settee in the women's parlor in the cabin accommodations amidship. No fuse, detonator or wiring was attached to the dynamite.

On her recent trips the Arabic has carried far fewer passengers than in times of peace.

There were 103 passengers in the cabin, of whom five were Americans, and eighty in the steerage on the last voyage to Liverpool.

The Arabic had been utilized to carry great quantities of munitions for Great Britain.

Fastnet, off which the Arabic is reported to have gone down, lies close to the lane of steamship traffic between England and America.

It is about forty miles west of Old Head of Kinsdale, near which the Lusitania was sunk.

The Arabic sailed on her last outward voyage from here on July 23 last. She had aboard 183 passengers and approximately 16,000 tons of cargo, almost all war supplies.

Attack by a submarine apparently was feared then, for around her steering gear there were piled numerous sand bags as a protection against gun fire. The crew usually consisted of about 240 men. All the crew, it was said, were of foreign citizenship.

Captain Will Finch commanded the ship.

### OPPORTUNITY TO GERMANY TO SHOW HER SIDE

No Hasty Action Will Be Taken By the Washington Government—Getting the Facts—Ambassador Gerard Will Be Instructed to Look for an Explanation of the Sinking.

Washington, Aug. 22.—Reasonable doubt as to conditions surrounding the sinking of the White Star liner Arabic has determined the Washington Government to proceed with deliberation in its purpose to fix responsibility for the two American lives reported lost and the jeopardizing of a score of others. Therefore Germany will be given an opportunity, if possible, to show whether the conditions justified the German submarine commander in sinking the liner in apparent disregard of the solemn protest of the United States Government against the destruction of merchant vessels bearing American passengers without proper warning and opportunity for succor.

President Wilson and Secretary Lansing conferred today on the Arabic situation with the text of the two messages from Ambassador Page at London before them, giving the details of the destruction of the ship as far as they have been gathered from American survivors. The ambassador and consular officials in England have been instructed to supplement the reports with all available information bearing upon the physical facts of the tragedy. The additional affidavits will be studied carefully, but in the meantime the German explanation will be sought.

Ambassador Gerard at Berlin will be instructed to look to the German Government for an explanation of the sinking, or at least, for a statement of the facts, so far as they have been reported to the Admiralty by the commander of the submarine. That this might take a fortnight is realized from the fact that the German Admiralty has heretofore declared that it could communicate with its submarines on the ocean lanes only with difficulty and that often it was necessary to await their return to home ports.

### WINSTON-SALEM MAN IS REPORTED TO BE SAFE

Winston-Salem, Aug. 19.—The many friends of Mr. Frederick Martin, of this place, who was a passenger on the Arabic, will be glad to learn that he is reported to be among the survivors of the ship.

Mr. Martin is florist at the country estate of Mrs. R. J. Reynolds, "Reynolds," near this city. He was returning to this city from England, where he had been on a visit to his mother.

Mr. Martin is about 34 or 35 years of age, and his wife and children reside in this city.

### New Charter Issued.

A charter has been issued to the Securities Guarantee Corporation with a capital stock of \$50,000, subscribed and paid in. Mr. D. F. Conrad, former postmaster here has been elected secretary and treasurer. They will establish ice plants in several of the larger Southern cities. Mr. Conrad left Friday night in company with Mr. H. E. Carlton, of Greensboro, for points in Alabama, Florida and Georgia.

Remember the man who advertises. He has something to advertise.

## GOVERNOR CRAIG ON FRANK LYNCHING

Says Leo M. Frank Deserved Protection of the State and That Officers of the Law are Responsible.

Asheville, N. C., Aug. 20.—Declaring that Leo M. Frank, regardless of whether he was innocent or guilty, deserved the protection of the State of Georgia, Governor Locke Craig declared that the commonwealth can atone, to some degree, for what has been done by the most strenuous dealing with the offenders. Asked for a statement in regard to the lynching, Governor Craig said:

"In the State of Georgia the law has been set at naught. Every citizen who believes in order and civilization condemns this shocking denance and tramping down of that which we revere. Regardless of Frank's guilt or innocence the highest obligation rested upon the State of Georgia to protect him. The State fell down.

"There was such intense bitterness against him and such an enraged public sentiment that the governor who commuted his sentence had to be protected by the military of the State. Notwithstanding this condition of affairs, Frank was placed on a farm with only two men to guard him. I see no reasonable excuse that can be made for the authorities in Georgia, whose duty it was to see that law was maintained for allowing Frank to remain unprotected.

"The first duty of the State now is to punish those who violated her sovereignty. This blot cannot be erased but Georgia can to some extent atone for what has been done by the most strenuous dealing with the offenders. The law can be administered only by its officers. One brave and determined man can defeat the mob. We need men who dare to do their duty regardless of consequences. Fearless action will prevent the mob. The mob will not stand before a man with a weapon determined to use it if necessary. The mob that killed Frank should be punished for the vindication of justice and to the terror of all those in like cases offending.

"This crime will shock the conscience of the whole country into the realization that the mob and the mob spirit must be suppressed regardless of cost. The officers of the law are responsible."

### TERRIFIC STORM IN GREENVILLE SECTION

South Carolina City Visited By Cyclone—One Death Reported—Big Property Damage.

Greenville, S. C., Aug. 20.—Greenville and vicinity were visited today by a terrific cyclone when the wind is said to have reached a velocity of well around 100 miles an hour. Wires are down in all directions and news from the outlying districts cannot be secured. Property damage here will run into the thousands of dollars, which cannot be estimated until full reports are received.

One negro was killed when he was buried beneath the ruins of his home, which was crushed, though it was a heavy eight-room house. Eight or ten other houses, in the immediate vicinity of the home were wrecked while trees were uprooted in a path of about 100 yards wide and half a mile long through the eastern section of the city.

The cyclone was funnel-shaped and came into the city within five minutes after it was first discovered. The oldest citizens state that they have never seen it so dark, lights being necessary, though it was only 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

### Heavy Rain at Spartanburg.

Spartanburg, S. C., Aug. 20.—One of the heaviest rains in recent years fell here today soon after 6 o'clock. Two inches or more fell in a very short time. In some instances water broke over curbs and entered the stores. No material damage has been reported.

The rain was general throughout the county.

### Abraham Ruef Paroled.

San Francisco, Aug. 22.—Abraham Ruef, once a power in San Francisco politics, serving a 14-year sentence for offering a bribe to San Francisco supervisor, was paroled today from San Quentin penitentiary by the State Board of Prison Directors.

## GALVESTON NOW IN FINE SPIRITS

There Is Plenty of Water in the City and Fresh Water Was Running Yesterday.

Galveston, Texas, Aug. 21.—Wire service was restored to Galveston today by the Western Union. The first wire message out of the city since Monday was an Associated Press dispatch.

Galveston's known loss of life was eight killed in the city proper and twenty-five in the low sections on the western portion of the island.

There is plenty of food in the city. Mayor Fisher said today the causeway will be rebuilt at once, "stronger and better than ever." It was estimated that it will cost \$750,000 to repair the damage to the causeway.

Fresh water was started running into the city mains Friday morning from Alta Loma, the city's water reservoir, eighteen miles away on the mainland. Since Monday the people had been drinking water from wells and serious impairment of health was feared.

Plans for quick restoration of railroad traffic were being made at a meeting of representatives of all the railroads entering Galveston today.

The people of Galveston are in good spirits despite the damage and inconvenience.

### GRADED SCHOOL OPENS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

At a meeting of the Graded School Commissioners Monday it was ordered that school be opened Monday, September 20. This is somewhat later than the usual opening, but it was thought best as the weather will be cooler and the union services of the churches will be over by that time. Miss Annie Greenfield, of Kernersville, will be the music teacher this year.

Contractor G. W. Smith has the new building well under way and will complete it before the opening of school.

### WORK ON THE LEXINGTON- THOMASVILLE ROAD BEGUN

Salisbury Road Is Completed and Is a Fine Piece of Work—Other Road Work to Be Started Soon.

It will be welcome news to the people who travel the Thomasville road that Mr. Mulligan has begun work on the bad stretch beyond Leonards Creek and will begin topsoiling the road from Abbots Creek to Lexington in a few days.

It is understood that Mr. Thomas Miller will begin topsoiling the road from Lexington to Potts Creek soon. These roads in Lexington Township certainly require attention. They have been neglected for several months and have almost washed away.

Dr. Buchanan was appointed by the board at its last meeting to look after Lexington Township's roads, and he immediately got busy. He had the fearful mudhole below David Sink's, on the Salisbury road filled up and is filling other holes farther down the road. There are several nearly as bad just beyond Swearing Creek and between Kern Craver's and Potts Creek.

Henderson and Morrow have practically finished the Salisbury road from Potts Creek to the river and it is a beautiful stretch of road. They will begin on the Winston-Salem highway in a few days, starting work at the Lexington end.

Mr. Platt has graded the road from Abbots Creek to beyond Mr. Black's, in sight of Thomasville. He is making rapid progress.

### Three Russian Warships Sunk.

Berlin, Aug. 22, via London.—Three Russian warships and one German warship, all small vessels, have been sunk in the battle in the Gulf of Riga. Official announcement to this effect was made today.

Two other German warships were put out of commission during the engagement. One ran ashore and the other was damaged.

## COTTON IS CONTRA- BAND ACCORDING TO ORDER OF ALLIES

Formal Statement Issued By the British Foreign Office—Will Aid Market—Will Take Steps to Keep the Price Up. It Is Declared—No Surprise in Washington.

London, Aug. 22.—Cotton has been declared absolute contraband by Great Britain, according to a statement issued by the Foreign Office this afternoon.

The statement declares that the Government proposes to initiate measures to relieve depression which might temporarily disturb the cotton market because of the contraband order.

It was learned upon inquiry at the Foreign Office that the French Government will issue a similar notice early tomorrow.

The announcement follows:

"His Majesty's Government have declared cotton absolute contraband. While the circumstances might have justified such action at an earlier period, His Majesty's Government are glad to think that local conditions of American interests likely to be affected are more favorable for such a step than they were a year ago, and moreover, His Majesty's Government contemplates initiation of measures to relieve as far as possible any abnormal depression which might temporarily disturb market conditions."

The declaration making cotton contraband is effective from today. A brief royal proclamation published in a supplement of The London Gazette issued tonight, says:

"Now, therefore, we do hereby declare, by and with the advice of our Privy Council, that during the continuance of the war, or until we do give further public notice, the following contraband in addition to those set out in our royal proclamation aforementioned:

"Raw cotton, cotton linters, cotton waste and cotton yarn.

"And we do hereby further declare that this, our royal proclamation shall take effect from the date of its publication in The London Gazette."

The proclamation was signed yesterday by King George.

### Washington Will Protest.

Washington, Aug. 22.—Announcement that raw cotton had been declared absolute contraband of war by Great Britain came as no surprise to officials here. Secretary Lansing was informally advised by the British embassy some time ago that this action had been decided upon and that formal announcement was delayed only pending the arrangement of details. This included, it is understood, preparations to protect the market from the effect of the announcement and also an understanding between Great Britain and her Allies.

While officials would not discuss the subject tonight, it is certain the United States will protest against the British action, citing the previous consistent policy of Great Britain in holding cotton free of restraint. The result, it is expected, will be to draw out a full explanation of the reasons behind the British change of policy. A long course of diplomatic interchanges undoubtedly will follow before an agreement can be reached, or the question possibly submitted to arbitration.

The first direct effect of the British announcement will be the British announcement will be to simplify the discussion over the orders in council now in progress. Cotton ships have formed a large percentage of the total number of craft held up under the orders, each case involving much informal debate over arrangements for payment by Great Britain for three cargoes seized. Each case, also, became an additional factor in the formal discussion between the two governments, the United States having steadily maintained that Great Britain was violating the accepted rules of international law in halting commerce between neutrals, more especially commerce in non-contraband goods.

It is understood the British plan is to steady the cotton market through actual purchases if that becomes necessary. Probably cotton

factors will be commissioned to keep the commodity above a fixed minimum price. Crop conditions this year it is said, will make it easier to maintain prices because open markets unaffected by the Allies' action are more than able to absorb the entire production.

### ITALY HAS DECLARED WAR AGAINST TURKEY

Porte Handed Note Which Severed Diplomatic Relations—Italian Ambassador at Constantinople Demands His Passports and Safe Conduct—War May Begin at Once.

London, Aug. 22.—Italy has declared war against Turkey and the Italian ambassador has left Constantinople. This announcement is made in a Reuter telegram from Constantinople via Berlin and Amsterdam.

Marquis di Garronia, Italian ambassador to Turkey, today handed to the porte a note declaring Italy considered herself in a state of war with Turkey and demanded his passports, according to an official telegram from Constantinople received at Amsterdam and transmitted to the Central News.

The reasons given in the note for Italy's declaration of war were the support given by Turkey to the revolt in Libya and the prevention of the departure of Italian residents from Syria.

### RECENT DEATHS.

Mrs. Margaret Myers Shuler, wife of Mr. Absalam L. Shuler, of Thomasville Township, died suddenly August 16, 1915, at the age of 57 years. Death is always sad, but the sudden death of a loved one is the greatest shock to those who are left behind. Mrs. Shuler was a splendid type of the consecrated Christian woman, a member of Emanuel Reformed Church, and her friends weep not as those who have no help. Dr. Leonard conducted the funeral at Emanuel the morning of August 17. The large church could not accommodate the assembly of friends who gathered to pay a last tribute of respect. Besides her husband Mrs. Shuler leaves one son, three daughters, and seven grandchildren.

Suddenly and without warning death claimed little Gladys, the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Crofts, last Wednesday night. The funeral was conducted from Mt. Tabor Church by Dr. J. C. Leonard Thursday afternoon. This is a very sad bereavement, and the parents have the sincere sympathy of hundreds of friends.

### SHORTAGE OF DYE MAY FORCE MILLS TO CLOSE

Washington, Aug. 22.—That many cotton mills will be forced to close down within a very short time because of their inability to get dyestuffs is the information received today by the Department of Commerce. The Fort Wayne (Ind.) Knitting Mills, one of the largest in the middle West, has been compelled to suspend operations and the Amoskeag Mills, one of the largest in New England, has also shut down until further notice.

Efforts of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce to obtain dyes from Germany have failed and so far as is known here, there is no probability of any being brought to this country in the near future.

It is expected that many Southern cotton manufacturing plants will follow the example set by New England and the middle West and close their mills until dyestuffs can be procured.

### Reckless Speeders.

Mr. J. Allen Fritts, who lives on the Salisbury road, was in Saturday with blood in his eye. He says a party of speeders passed his place Tuesday morning about 9 o'clock traveling about forty miles an hour and killed one of his fine young chickens. They were going so fast he is afraid he did not get their number correctly nor the make of the automobile. The car was driven by a colored boy and a white man, apparently the owner, was seated beside him.