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A NUMBER OF AMERICANS ON BOARD TORPEDOED AND SUNK

LOSS OF LIFE CERTAIN

Some Are Known To Be Missing and Consul's Report Says There Is One Dead. Americans on the Destroyed Liner Included Mrs. Caroline R. Hubert and Miss Jean Douglas Hubert, Both of Richmond, Va.

Queenstown, Feb. 26.-The Cunard line steamship Laconia, of 18,099 tons gross, which sailed from New York February 18 for Liverpool has been sunk. The survivors, said to number 270, will be landed tonight.

Reason to Believe That All On Board Are Saved.

Liverpool, Feb. 26.-The Cunard line announces that there is reason to believe that virtually all on board the steamer Laconia were saved. There were between 200 and 300 members of the crew and from 70 to 80 passengers, of whom about one-half were in the first cabin.

Sunk Without Warning Says Report From London.

London, Feb. 26.—Wesley Frost American consul at Queenstown, telegraphed the American embassy here today: "Cunarder Laconia torpedoed 10:50 Sunday night. Two hundred and seventy eight survivors landed. Details lacking but known some missing; one dead."

It is stated here authentically the Laconia was torpedoed without warning.

Twenty-Six Americans On Board the Liner Laconia.

New York, Feb. 26.—Twenty-six Americans, six of whom were cabin passengers and 20 paid members of the crew, were on board the Cunard liner, Laconia form New York February 18 for Liverpool with 75 passengers and a crew of 216 when the vessel was sunk by a German submarine Sunday night. One casualty as yet unidentified, was officially reported by the Liverpool office of the line to officers here.

The names of the American passengers and their addresses as given by the line here, and confirmed in part by relatives in the United States, are as follows:

Floyd P. Gibbons, of the Chicago Tribune.

Mrs. F. E. Harris, wife of Lieut-Col. Frank E. Harris, United States coast artillery corps, stationed at Fort duPont, near Philadelphia.

Arthur T. Kirby, Bainbridge, N. Y. Mrs. Mary E. Hoy, Chicago. Miss Elizabeth Hoy, Chicago.

The Rev. James Wareing, registered from New York, but said to be from Norfolk, Va.

The Americans among the crew were signed here to take place of others whose terms of service had expired or who had failed to appear when the ship was ready to sail The men were recruited mostly from shipping offices and gave New York and Brooklyn as their places of residence. They were stokers, coal trimmers, wipers, and seamen.

While details of the cargo of the Laconia are witheld under a recent ruling of the customs officials, it was learned at the office of the company that the following items were among the principal commodities carried.

One thousand bars of silver, 40,000 bushels of wheat, 2,843 bales of cotton, 1,408 boxes of fresh fruit, 3,000 tons of shell casings and other war

supplies and 3,000 tons of provisions. It was postively stated by officials of the line that there were no explosives on board.

In addition to the cargo and passengers the Laconia carried 5,000 bags of United States and Canadian mail, 1,300 sacks of which had been transferred from the American liner St. Louis. The Laconia sailing on the same date the Holland American liner Ryndam returned to port after being turned back from her voyage to Rotterdam by the submarine me-

dam's passengers. The Laconia when she left here, was armed with one defense gun, mounted aft. The report that the ship was torpedoed at night and without warning, indicates that no

nace had on board nine of the Ryn-

cials of the line. The Laconia is the second ship

opportunity was given to make use

ROXBORO, NORTH CAROLINA, FROM ALLENSVILLE

It has been said that Richard finds out how the majority of his township are going to vote and then always are going to vote and then always votes with the majority. While it is said that two of my near neighbors find out how the minority are going going to vote and either vote this way or else won't vote at all. And really it seems there must be some truth in these assertions, for at the last bond election Tommie voted for bonds and also made the race for commissioner. The bond issue got, I think, 22 votes, but I don't think Tommie got quite that many for Commissioner. However, Tommie has some good traits of character and for the sake of the good we overlook the bad. Of course Tommie knows that he is in the wrong in working against the bond issue, but he has no doubt found out that the majority are in favor of it and can gain no notoriety by voting with us so will in order to be heard. raise sand and bellow in the opposite direction. In a letter received from my son, he says that he is glad to see in The Courier that we are to have good roads in Person county. In coming thru the county to Aberdeen a distance of one hundred and fifty-two miles, he found good roads in every county after leaving Person. A salesman from a distance stopped over with me some days ago, and said to me, "Richard you have a nice place here and a nice county, with the exception of your roads which are bad." I explained to him that we are going to vote bonds on March the 20th to improve our roads, and he said that we have already done that and are now fast improving our highways. And said he, "If you get good roads you are going to see your county prosper as never before." Now that we are going to vote bonds I want Allensville township to come on March 3rd as Bro. Slaughter has already suggested and select either three or six candidates for commissioner for Allensville township for much depends on our selection as to what we will get done on our roads with the \$25,-000 coming to us. Somebody may be ready to say that Richard is in the race but he is not and postively wauld not accept if it should be tendered him, but I do want three good men to look after our roads and see that the roads of the whole township are looked after, giving each and everyone exact justice as near as within their power. So be sure and be here on March 3rd at one o'clock and vote for the man you want to represent your end of the township .- Poor Richard.

To Solicit Funds for the Belgiums

Last Sunday evening after the sermon Rev. O. W. Dowd appointed the following committee to receive and solicit funds for the Methodist offering to suffering peoples in the war countries: B. G. Clayton, W. R. Hambrick and E. G. Long. Any one wishing to contribute can hand their contributions to either of these gentlemen and it will be properly forwarded. We learn that the Sunday school class of Mrs. W. R. Hambrick recently sent in seven dollars for this object.

Presbyterian Announcements

No mid-week prayer meeting this

Preaching next Sunday 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School 9:45 A. M. You are cordially invited to attend these services. C. E. White Pastor.

Rabbit and Cat Caught in One Trap.

One day last week when young Peed, a son of Allen Peed of Mt Tirzah section went to his rabbit trap he found a rabbit and cat both in the trap. When liberated the cat made for tall timbers, evidently not having relished her companion.

Liverpool service of the Cunard line. A sister ship, the Franconia, was sunk last October in the Mediterranean while in the British government service. Both vessels were taken over by the British admiralty soon after the war began, and the Laconia was for a while used in the service of the government as a transport. She was only recently restored to her owners. Several of the officers in the steward's department who were of the defense gun, according to offi- on the Laconia also were on the Fraconia when she went down.

to be sunk of the former Boston- Job work is our specialty

WILSON ASKS CONGRESS

TAKES STEP THAT MAY LEAD TO WAR

Bill Immediately Introduced in House Giving Him Power Asked-Republicans Disinclined To Grant Blank et Authority and May Undertake to Interfere With President's Plans Thus Forcing an Extra Session.

Washington, Feb. 26.-President Wilson today took the inevitable step and asked Congress for authority to use the forces of the United States to protect American ships and lives against the German submarine menace—to put the nation in a state of armed neutrality.

The immediate response was the introduction in the House of a bill approved in advance by the President, empowering him to furnish guns and gunners to American merchantmen; to "employ such other instrumentalities and methods" as may become necessary and providing for a \$100,000,000 bond issue, to be used in his discretion for war insurance to encourage American commerce to brave the submarine peril. The bill may be brought up in the House tomorrow with special rules for its immediate consideration.

A similar bill will be considered tomorrow by the Senate committee. May Force Extra Session.

The President's long expected action, while received in the main with expressions of support, threatens to force an extra session of Congress

Republicans, disinclined to grant him blanket authority while Congress is in recess, give evidence of opposing the legislation the President asks not for the purpose of witholding it, but to force him to have Congress in special session to take a hand in the next steps which they feel will lead to war. The Republicans are receiving passive support from the Democratic element classed as pacific.

The President's advisors deplore this situation for its effect in Germany where they are convinced i will feed the official impression that Congress will not support the President if he finds it necessary to go to war, and that he is not speaking the sentiments of a united country.

The Principal Sticking Point The President's request for author ity to use "other instrumentalities" is the principal sticking point. Even the Republicans and some of the De mocrats who hesitate to give him what he asks for say they would be willing to give him authority to arm American ships or act on a definite proposal, but are reluctant to "sign a blank check."

The administration faces this d vision, in its own ranks in its ef fort to convince the Kaiser that the United States is now preparing to enforce respect for its rights on the high seas. Some Democrats point to the President's own statement in his address today that he considered he already had implied authority to act, and might do so without the the boys and girls of Person county, sanction of Congress. Mr. Wilson, himself, however, said he preferred not to act on implications, and did not desire to be left without specific authority and no Congress to which to turn. All these things point toward an extra session, although a way out may develope at the last moment.

Laconia Incident Lends Weight

Although the President told Congress he was not acting because of the long feared "overt act" news of the destruction of the Cunard liner Laconia, with Americans aboard, was received here as he was entering the doors of the Capitol and was passed from mouth to mouth through Congress while he was speaking. Lacking details, its seriousness could not be estimated, but it was apparent everywhere that it gave weight to the President's words, then falling up on a body of grave, silent legislators, assembled before him in a sombre moment of American history weighing the declarations which may lead the United States to war.

But the President made it clear that America was asking to exercise none but the rights of peace, that he was not proposing nor contemplating war. He was thinking, he said, of the right of life itself, the rights of humanity "without which there is (Continued on page ten.)

THE PRESIDENT THE CONGRESS

dnesday Evening February 28, 1917

am not now proposing or plating war or any that need lead to war. ar can only come by the ful acts and aggressions

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Our own commerce is sufering rather in apprehenon than in fact. This in itself might prethat the new German subtly accomplish in effect

arine orders were meant accomplish so far as we concerned. he case of the Lyman Law disclosed a ruthessness of method which serves grave condemna-

FROM CALTOLINA

ast Saturday was my first visit expore this year but don't ext me again until the roads get ter. One citizen told me the roads re all alike now, but I replied that h was not the case, as Roxboro iship roads were good even now, very few exceptions where e is hardly sufficient, but places will be made good by the

le in town I saw Roxboro townners hauling fertilizers but e "mud bound" Allensville township folks have not dreamed of that yet. Some our folks are against the bond issue, some even saying Roxboro township would pay 50c while all the other townships would pay 75c per hundred dollars worth of property, which will not be the case if the bond issue is carried. Why circulate such stories when reasonable minded people do not believe

Our school committee has a plan by which we can raise additional funds to help make our school better and longer next year, nd have requested the patrons to meet with them Tuesday night of this week to complete the arrangements.

No public school can do the work t should do, unless the public funds are supplemented by the friends and patrons.

Here is the plan; Caltolina farm offers as much land as is needed pracally ready for cultivation, rent free and the writer offers to give the fertilizer for a tobacco crop, if the patrons of the school will do the work, all proceeds to go to our school. There is no patents on this idea and if any other school wants to try it come along and let us help educate as fair as the fairest in North Carolina.-Reporter.

THOMAS—WINSTEAD

A marriage that came as a surprise to the friends of the popular young couple was that of Miss Bessie Winstead and Mr. Eugene Thomas, which was solemnized in Durham on Thursday morning at 9 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Lawrence, a cousin of the bride. The ceremony was performed by Dr. Gaw, pastor of the Baptist church. Immediately following the ceremony, the couple left for Richmond where they spend a few days returning to Roxbero, Sunday evening.

Bushy Fork Honor Roll

The following is the Honor Rol for the month ending Feb. 16th,

First Grade: Ernest Oliver, Wallace, Pointer, Charlie Wilkerson. Fith Grade: Andrew Allen. Sixth Grade: Herbert Clayton. Seventh Grade: Mary Hester, Etta Hester, Lex Newton, Jasper Whitfield. Eighth Grade: Thelma Rogers, Ruby Blalock. Ninth Grade: Rena Allen, Sam Newton. Tenth Grade: Inez Boyd. -E. W. Pearson, Principal.

News From Allensville Section

Last Saturday night the general

public were invited to Black Gum Corner to hear a discussion in favor of good roads. Mr. S. T. Slaughter opened the meeting and spoke very earnestly at considerable length in favor of the present road bill and seemed to hate the fact the people would criticize him for speaking in favor of good roads because he has an automobile. However, he held the rapt attention of the audience and if there was anyone opposed to the issue he could not be persuaded to express his views in the presence of Mr. Slaughter. Mr. Slaughter then introduced Mr. John Q. Yarborough, Poor Richard as he is generally known. Mr. Yarbrough spoke to the good of the community and county always at heart and he said men had always differed, but he felt that if the people only knew what was for their best interest they would every one vote road bonds. He showed the man that bought the goods was the man that paid finally the sugar, coffee, flour or fertilizer, has well afford to pay five dollars instead of one-fifty for the sake keeping their horse and buggy nice and clean, instead of both horse, buggy, man and sweetheart looking like they had been in a mud hole. When opposed the issue, they did not have the manhood to say so. Mr. Slaughtnow having to send to town on horse back to get his mail, the roads being too bad for even a buggy until you Mr. Yarbrough said Amen. The meeting closed with a seeming deto do the right thing; VOTE BONDS. —Contributed.

High School Debate At County Commencement

The query for the high school debate for the county commencement is: "Resolved, that the absentee landlord should pay double tax." Every school in the county that does any high school work is eligible to enter this debate. Every school that does any High School work that desires to enter this debate should notify W. W. Rogers, Roxboro, at once. A valuable prize will be given the winner of this debate at commencement. No school can enter more thna one contestants for the debate.

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> J. L. MORRIS Mill Creek, N. C.

ELON SELECTS ORATOR FOR PEACE CONTEST

The following is a clipping from the News & Observer of Sunday. It gives us pleasure to re-print this item about Mr. J. Laymond Crumpsenior at Elon this year, and for a

ing at 8 o'clock the annual intercollegiate peace contest, Elon Chapter, was held in the college auditorium. The auditorium was packed to the overflowing and the contestants were cheered to an echo.

The following young men participated: Henry Terrie Floyd, Roanoke, Ala.; John Laymond Crump-Seagrove. The judges were Rev. J. W. Harrell, D. R. Fonville and Supt. C. D. Johnson.

J. L. Crumpton won the orator's Snipes.-A. Guest. medal and commissioned by President Harper to represent the college in the intercollegiate contest to be held in the near future. W. C. King was named as Mr. Crumpton's alternate.

N. C. was a Roxboro visitor Sunday. in the latter's breast.

TWO AMERICAN WOMEN KILLED

Little Progress Made During The Day in Enacting Legislation Asked By President. Outlook in Both House and Senate Through LaFollette May Force Extra Session.

Washington, Feb. 27.-The administration waits upon Congress to give the answer of the United States to them as brethern who should have the German campaign of ruthlessness which has reached a climax in the sinking of the liner Laconia and the killing of two American women.

Official accounts of the unwarned night attack on the Cunarder, regarded as the first clear cut case of violation of American rights since the severance of relations with Germud tax for the consumer, let it be many, were laid before President Wilson and the cabinet today by to pay that awful mud tax that would | Secretary Lansing. It was decided be cut out by having sand clay roads. that no steps would be taken until He told the young men they could | Congress had time to grant the request for additional authority to protect the lives and rights of Ameri-

In Congress little progress was made during the day toward enacting the legislation for which the he got thru if there were any who | President asked in his address yesterday. The Senate foreign relations committee by a divided vote reporter explained that Mr. Yarbrough was ed out a bill similar to the one introduced in the House, to authorize the President to arm merchant ships and employ "such other instrumentalireached the sand clay road, to which ties as he may deem necessary." The formality of referring the measure back to the committee was blocked termination on the part of everyone by Senator Lafollette, and as the Senate is working under an agreement to consider nothing except by unanimous consent until the revenue bill has been voted on tomorrow night further action is delayed until Thurs-

No Vote By House Committee

On the House side the foreign affairs committee talked through two sessions over phraseology, those opposing action objecting chiefly to the words" other instrumentalities." The committee finally adjourned until

tomorrow without taking a vote. The administration leaders are notdisturbed over the situation in the House, however, as it is well understood that action under a special rule can be forced, whenever it is regarded as necessary. Moreover, while there is some real opposition in the committee and among the pa-I wish to say to the public that I cifist group in the House, both Republican and Democrat leaders intimate that it is deemed wise to delay putting through a bill until it is clear what the Senate will do so as to prevent confusion.

Even in the Senate the administration spokesmen profess full confidence that a measure satisfactory to terms cash. Bring me your work and the President will be passed later in the week. Although most of the Republicans favor stronger action than has been proposed, it is believed they will vote for the committee bill when the roll call comes.

The Misses Hesters Entertain

Misses Addie and Bessie Hester entertained last Friday night February 23rd, in honor of Miss Blanche ton, a son Mr. R. W. Crumpton of Hester and Mr. Jerry Hester. The this county. Mr. Crumpton is a evening was pleasantly spent in games and contest. Prizes were given to number of years he has won this the wisest and most foolish in the contest. Miss Corina Newton and Elon College, Feb. 22.-Last even- Mr. Frank Bradsher won the prize for the wisest, which was dainty silk handkerchief, and Miss Pauline Hester and Mr. Jack Snipes won the prize for the moost foolish, which was a doll. After the contest delicious refreshments and candies were served.

Among those who enjoyed the evening were: Misses Blanche, Mary ton, Roxboro; Havliah Babcock, Ap- and Pauline Hester, Ruth Blalock, pomattox, Va.; William Carson King, Ome O'Briant, Corina Newton and Lee Snipes. Messrs, Jerry Hester, Edgar Newton, Robal Baynes, Linwood and Frank Bradsher and Jack

Charged With Murder

WADESBORO .- Jim Gulledge, colored, is being held here for attempted murder of Garfield Meachum, a white farmer of this section. The negro fired at the white man, one Mr. Harvey Turnage of Farmville, bullet from a revolver taking effect

THE PERSON NAMED A