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WARNING GIVEN TO LINER BEFORE ATTACK

Be Claimed Submarine Commander Thought Arabic Was Attempting Hostile Act—Report of Ambassador Awaited

Washington, Aug. 23.—Official reports concerning the sinking of the Arabic were awaited by administration officials today, pending the attitude of the government remains undetermined. The question seems to have been cleared up that the Arabic proceeded without warning. The point now in doubt is as to whether the submarine commander believed that she was attempting a hostile act against him. Ambassador Gerard at Berlin is expected to throw light on this point. Upon his report probably will depend the decision as to whether Germany has committed "a deliberately unfriendly act."

Meanwhile, the administration is maintaining an open mind and no effort is being made to be pursued will be issued.

ADMIRALTY DENIES THE REPORT.

London, Aug. 23.—The admiralty today authorized the denial of the report that the steamer Dunsley, torpedoed shortly before the Arabic was sunk, was an armed merchantman. The admiralty states that the Dunsley was a peaceful and unarmed trader.

SAYS SHIP DID NOT TRY TO ESCAPE

London, Aug. 23.—The British admiralty today made the following announcement: "The Arabic was an unarmed passenger ship outward bound to New York. It was thus impossible for her to have been carrying contraband. She was sunk by a German submarine without warning and without any attempt to attack the submarine nor to escape from it."

Cable to Ambassador.

Washington, Aug. 23.—Secretary of State Lansing today cabled Ambassador Gerard at Berlin, asking if the German government had received an official report on the sinking of the Arabic. The ambassador, however, has not yet returned an answer. Secretary Lansing said no steps have been taken other than to get information as to what had happened. The fact that Ambassador Gerard is not directed to seek an explanation is drawn from the fact that the German government had decided to initiate a campaign of propaganda which may have to offer an explanation at London has been instructed to do so.

WAR DECLARATION HAS NO DEFINITE RESULTS YET

London, Aug. 23.—Italy's declaration of war on Turkey has not yet led, so far as is known here, to definite results, but it is expected to have an effect on Roumania which long has been connected closely with Italy.

Jubilant Over War Declaration.

London, Aug. 23.—Advices from Rome indicate that Italy will send part of her war fleet to the Dardanelles and probably will augment the allied armies on the Gallipoli peninsula by sending a land force at an early date. The Italian people are joyful over Italy's declaration of war on Turkey and the early crushing of the Ottoman Empire is the hope of all Italy. Italian interests in Turkey, it was announced, will be looked after by Henry Morgenthau, the United States ambassador.

ROUND UP OF KENTUCKY NIGHT RIDERS ALLEGED

Rockport, Ky., Aug. 23.—Over eighty men indicted as alleged "Night Riders," or "Possum Hunters," members of gangs who during the early summer terrorized certain sections of this country, must appear in court today for trial. A number of the accused men were indicted on the testimony of a woman whose relatives had been lashed by the "Possum Hunters." Many of the indicted men are prominent citizens. Deacons, doctors and prominent churchmen are included, but they protest their innocence.

GERMAN TORPEDO BOAT DESTROYER IS SUNK

Paris, Aug. 23.—"Two French torpedo boats encountered and sank a German torpedo boat destroyer off Ostend, Belgium, last night," says an announcement made here today. "Our boats were undamaged."

TWO MEN RELEASED AFTER RIGID INQUIRY

Raleigh, Aug. 20.—Arthur Johnson, and A. C. Walker, the two men who have been held as suspects in connection with the killing of Charles Abt in this city in July, were today released from custody after a rigid investigation of the case. There was not sufficient evidence to hold the men.

LINER DROMED IS SUNK BY GERMAN SUBMARINE

Queenstown, Aug. 23.—The Lamport and Holt liner Dromed has been sunk by a German submarine. Her captain, quartermaster and steward were killed by shells fired by the submarine during a pursuit of four hours.

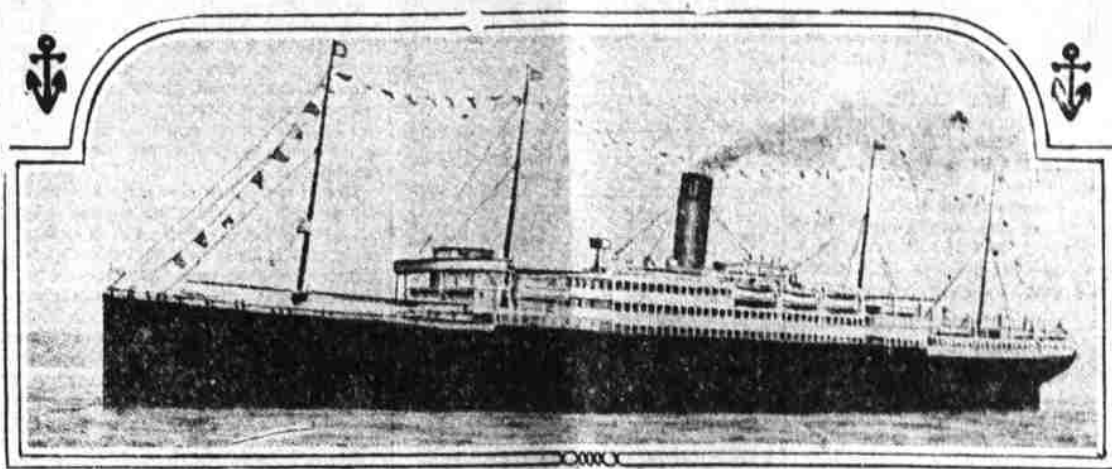
BELIEVE THAT GOV. HARRIS KNOWS FRANK'S LYNCHERS.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 23.—That Governor Harris has discovered the identity of several of Leo M. Frank's lynchers is generally believed here. Arrests are being delayed, it is said, to avoid putting the others on their guard. The Governor is reported to have received many threatening letters.

A Man's Patience.

Man so often has more patience with the fish than with the children.—W. C. C.

Where the Arabic Was Sunk By German Submarine



The White Star line steamship Arabic, bound for New York from Liverpool, was sunk by a German submarine off the island of Fastnet, which is about forty miles west of Old Head of Kinsale, near where the Lusitania was destroyed. The Germans have been trying to destroy the Arabic from the time waters surrounding Great Britain were proclaimed to be a war zone by the Kaiser. She has figured in many news despatches since the outbreak of the war largely on account of the fact that she has been among the chief vessels transporting munitions and supplies for the use of the Allies. Of 15,300 tons gross, the Arabic at the time of her launching in December, 1902, was one of the four largest steamships in the transatlantic passenger carrying service. She was 600 feet long, with 65-foot beam and a depth of 44 feet. Her freight capacity was officially announced at 16,500 tons.

There were 423 persons on board the Arabic. Of these 132 were cabin passengers, forty-eight were in the steerage, and the crew consisted of 243 persons. There were twenty-five Americans on board, twenty-one in the cabin and four in the steerage.

GERMANS LOSE DREADNOUGHT, TWO CRUISERS, EIGHT TORPEDO BOATS

ALLIED CAPITALS JUBILANT OVER NAVAL VICTORY

London, Aug. 23.—The capitals of the allies are jubilant today over the unexpected naval victory which the Russians, according to their accounts, have won in the Gulf of Riga.

England had more than a sympathetic interest in the battle, as a British submarine accounted for the German battle cruiser Moltke, the loss of which added to the destruction of two cruisers, eight torpedo boats and four transports, constitutes the greatest naval disaster suffered by Germany during the war.

For the last week, both Petrograd and Berlin have been sending meager reports of naval operations in the Gulf of Riga which were interpreted to mean that Germany was intending to land troops to support the left flank of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg in Courland and thereby establish his armies along the coast route to the Russian capital.

The Russian report, claiming a decisive victory for the allies, together with the expulsion of the surviving units of the German naval forces from the Gulf of Riga, contains few details. It is assumed that inasmuch as Petrograd announced several days ago that the large warships had retired from the Gulf, the mosquito flotilla, assisted by submarines and land defenses, wreaked unexpected destruction on a part of the conveying German fleets and transports.

The moral effect of this action on the Russian people is expected in London to be great, as it probably will do much to allay the depression incident to the continued Russian retreat, which has been arrested nowhere except in the northern sector, Riga to Kovno.

British military critics regard the Baltic advance of the Germans as of supreme importance if the invaders contemplate marching on Petrograd. On that account the Russian naval victory may be of large effect on the German plans.

Lake Erie produces more fish to the square mile than any other body of water in the world.

Sank German Torpedo Boat While She Was in Flames Herself and Sinking.

OFFICIAL RUSSIAN STATEMENT ISSUED

Describes the Battle in the Gulf of Riga Between Aug. 16 and 19.

London, Aug. 23.—The official Russian communication descriptive of the naval battle in the Gulf of Riga was forwarded from Petrograd today by the correspondent of the Central News. It gives the German losses as one dreadnought, two cruisers and eight torpedo boats. The statement follows:

"In the Gulf of Riga between August 16 and 19 the Russian fleet sank or damaged no fewer than two German cruisers and eight torpedo boats. At the same time, British submarine sank one of the best German dreadnaughts. The Russian gunboat Sivuch was sunk in a brilliant fight, in the course of which she sank a German torpedo boat while she herself was in flames and sinking."

The foregoing statement tallies with previous advices except that the German losses were given as three cruisers and seven torpedo boats.

Earlier Report. London, Aug. 23.—A Central News dispatch from Petrograd says: "The president of the Duma has announced that the Germans lost the battleship Moltke, three cruisers and seven torpedo boats in the Riga battle."

The announcement as sent by the correspondent follows: "In the Riga battle the Germans (Continued on page 512)

MOTHER AND BABY KILLED; FATHER AND SON HURT

Raleigh, Aug. 23.—The tragic death of a mother and her eighteen-month-old baby, the serious injury of her husband and her three-year-old son, who were riding over a grade crossing of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad near Kirtrell in a one-horse buggy late yesterday afternoon was caused when No. 3, a through New York to Jacksonville passenger train, squarely struck the buggy, shattering it to atoms, frightfully mauling the horse.

The train, which was six minutes late, according to witnesses, was going at full speed. Luther Stone, 35 years old, the husband, and the baby, which he held in his arms, were carried on the pilot of the engine, where they were found when it stopped, about 400 feet from the crossing. Stone was injured seriously, his right arm having been broken below the elbow. He had ugly cuts about the head, and bruises on his body. He was unconscious. He suffered from shock. Doctors said he was not injured internally. The boy was injured but slightly. While in a serious condition, Stone's chances of recovery are excellent.

The Stone home is about four miles northeast of Kirtrell, and the family was on its way to the residence of James Hunt, one and a half miles north of Kirtrell. Hunt is Mrs. Stone's uncle. The accident occurred in close proximity to the journey's end.

Mrs. Stone was hurled under the train and her body was dragged fully 400 feet before the engine was stopped. It was mutilated beyond recognition.

JAPAN IS TO GIVE RUSSIA MORE AID. Tokio, Aug. 23.—The Kokumin Shimbun says: "Premier Okuma states that Japan has decided to give great assistance to Russia during the remainder of the war. He would not discuss details but said the assistance would take the form of forwarding great supplies of ammunition. All available governmental resources will be utilized for the making of munitions for the allies, particularly Russia."

TWELVE KILLED; 2,000 FAMILIES HOMELESS

Over Million Dollars' Worth of Property at St. Louis Destroyed By Flood—Many Listed As Missing

St. Louis, Aug. 23.—St. Louis county was recovering today from its third flood in as many days—a flood that cost twelve lives, destroyed more than a million dollars' worth of property and made 2,000 families homeless. Almost a hundred persons were listed as missing, and river men fear the falling of the Meramec river may disclose a heavy toll of human lives. They also stated that the bodies of many of the drowned probably would be washed into the Mississippi and carried down stream because of the mass of flood debris now in the river.

Equally distressing conditions prevail thruout southeastern Missouri and parts of western Illinois where the toll was less severe in the number of lives lost, but is feared to be greater in damage to property and crops. The damage may aggregate \$5,000,000 and thousands of farmers and villagers are homeless.

The flood was due to the tropical storm which last Thursday swept thru Arkansas into Missouri and crossed the Mississippi to Illinois. St. Louis had hardly recovered from the effect of the storm when the Des Peres river went a mile out of its banks, drowning eleven persons. Before the Des Peres had fallen to its normal level, the Meramec river went two to four miles out of its banks.

THOUSANDS OF CAMPERS CAUGHT.

The Meramec rose during the night while thousands of campers and picnickers were caught in the club houses and summer cottages which dot the river's banks.

RIVER ROSE FOOT AN HOUR.

From two o'clock yesterday morning until late midnight the river rose a foot an hour. The flood waters of the Ozark mountain streams, which run down to the Meramec, flooding empty into the Meramec, came rushing farm houses, club houses, bridges and barges from their moorings. Men, women and children, caught in the whirl and debris, climbed to their house-tops for safety. Calls for help were sent to St. Louis and hundreds of rescuers with motor boats and other craft were on the stream at day-break.

SPEND TWENTY-FOUR HOURS IN TREES.

Scores had spent twenty-four hours or more in the trees, dressed scantily and soaked to the skin.

NUMBER OF TOWNS INUNDED.

Valley Park, Draka, Eureka, Deleke, Clinton, Pacific and several other towns on either side of the Meramec for a distance of more than 50 miles were inundated.

At Valley Park, 2,500 families were driven from their homes.

Peace Talk at a Conference of German Leaders, According to a Dispatch From Amsterdam

Amsterdam, via London, Aug. 23.—At the secret conference of cabinet ministers, political leaders and influential writers, called by the German Imperial Chancellor before the reassembling of the Reichstag last Thursday, says Telegraaf, Karl Helfferich, Secretary of the Treasury, explained that the new German war loan would completely exhaust the empire's financial resources and that the increase in the excisequer funds would cause bankruptcy. Therefore, Dr. Helfferich urged that it was necessary to prepare for an honorable peace.

Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg, according to the same report, declared that the difficulties of the empire were increasing and advised his hearers to use their influence to soften down bellicose inclinations and expansion policy in the Reichstag and the country and carefully to prepare peace proposals which would be acceptable to the four members of the entente. Dr. Dernberg's report of the failure of his mission in the United States and other neutral countries, the Telegraaf says, made a strong impression on the conference.

Lieutenant General Count von Moltke, former chief of the general staff, declared that he fully agreed with the Chancellor and added that only those not fully informed on the situation could hope for the possibility of complete Russian defeat. The meeting refused, however, the story concludes, to adopt a resolution advocating moderation in the Reichstag, whereupon the Chancellor declared that if a majority should show an irreconcilable chauvinistic attitude, he would be obliged to resign as he could not accept responsibility for Germany's disaster.

REUNION IN CATAWBA OF SHUFORD FAMILY

Newton, Aug. 23.—If those who have departed this life are given to view events on earth it must have been highly entertaining to old Johannes Shuford, German pioneer of the 18th century, who landed at Philadelphia and trekked to the Catawba valley to make his home in the wilderness, to view the gathering of his tribe Saturday on the very land granted to him by the Lords Proprietors, and see a thousand of his descendants in remarkable reunion, talking of the history of their family and in a way taking stock of themselves and their achievements.

He would have seen, had he been able, hundreds of sturdy and independent farmers, prosperous townsmen of business, manufacturers, bankers and professional men, most of them residents in the land of his adoption, a great family of men and women of the type that has made North Carolina a state of high ideals, of sterling character, of solid accomplishments and of a mighty future. Taking it by and large, considering its connections with other families and its great part in the up-building of this section, the Shuford family may very easily be ranked among the most notable in western North Carolina.

ABE RUEF IS RELEASED FROM PRISON ON PAROLE

San Rafael, Cal., Aug. 23.—Abe Ruef left San Quentin penitentiary on parole today after serving four years and five months. He was the only one indicted in the San Francisco graft scandal to serve time. He will enter the real estate business.

MAYOR OF ATLANTA MAY LOSE POSITION

Atlanta, Aug. 23.—Mayor James G. Woodward may lose his official head as the result of his declaration, made in San Francisco, commending the lynchings of Leo M. Frank.

Within three hours after the reports of his statement sympathizing with the lynching had reached Atlanta, the names of several hundred well known people were added to the petition already in circulation for a recall election. As one phase of this situation, it is stated that every Jewish voter in Atlanta will sign the petition, and that already many Jewish names have been added.

The combination of the Frank case with this petition is of course fortuitous. It was originally framed and circulated as a protest against the dismissal of Police Chief Beavers, but up to the time that this new issue was accidentally injected it had few signers.

GOV. CRAIG RETURNS TO STATE CAPITAL

Raleigh, Aug. 23.—Governor Craig returned to executive offices here today unexpectedly after spending the summer at Asheville and other western Carolina resorts. He will on Wednesday give a full hearing in the Trull case from Charlotte, in which commutation is pressed for Charles Trull, sentenced to 400 September 3 for murder and robbery.

Wedding Bells to Ring.—Licenses have been issued for the marriages of Miss Dora Shirley and Eugene Myers, both of Winston-Salem, and Miss Annie Disher and Arvie Swaim, both of Winston-Salem.