

AN ARMED BRITISH MERCHANTMAN SUNK

Cruiser Calgarian Sent to Bottom Along With 48 of Her Men

SHE WAS STRUCK BY FOUR TORPEDOES

Vessel Carried 610 Persons When Attacked — Was Sunk Off Irish Coast March 1—500 of Crew Landed

London, March 6.—Official announcement was made by the Admiralty today that the British armed merchant cruiser Calgarian was torpedoed and sunk on March 1. Two officers and 46 men were lost.

Struck by Four Torpedoes.

Belfast, Ireland Saturday March 2.—The British liner Calgarian has been torpedoed off the Irish coast. There were 610 persons aboard nearly 600 of whom have been landed at an Irish port. The Calgarian was struck by four torpedoes.

The Allan liner Calgarian was a vessel of 17,515 tons gross, 568 feet long, and 70 feet of beam. She was built in Glasgow in 1914.

There are no published records of the recent movements of the Calgarian which for sometime has been in the service of the British government. The last report given out concerning the liner was in April, 1916, when she sailed from Halifax for England with Canadian troops.

A most unusual circumstance in connection with the sinking of the Calgarian is the fact that she was struck by four torpedoes. So far as published reports have shown in no previous case has a merchantman been subjected to such a heavy attack by submarines. Evidently the Germans concentrated U-boats to ensure the sinking of the liner.

Converted Merchantman.

New York, March 6.—The Allan liner Calgarian, torpedoed off the Irish coast, has been for some months serving as a British cruiser, converted from the status of a merchantman,

convoing cargo ships between British ports and Nova Scotia, according to officers here of the Canadian Pacific Ocean Service, Limited, owners of the Allan Line. The head offices of this company are in Montreal.

Has Carried Distinguished Men.

Montreal, March 6.—While the British steamship Calgarian has been on cruiser duty along North Atlantic trade routes, virtually since the war began, she has also made several special trips between England and Halifax, with distinguished passengers. One occasion she carried Sir Robert Borden, the Canadian prime minister, and on another she brought over the Duke of Devonshire, Governor-General of Canada, after taking his predecessor in office, the Duke of Connaught, back to England.

The Calgarian's navigating officer, Captain H. G. Kendel, commanded the Empress of Ireland when she sank after a collision with the Storstad, a collier, in the St. Lawrence, in 1914. In the recent Halifax disaster he had a narrow escape from death. It was Captain Kendel who identified the mtdresser, Crippen, on the steamship Montrose, when Crippen tried to escape from England on that ship which Kendel then commanded.

Irish Hospitality.

An Irish port, Monday, March 4.—The people of this town, who recently won the gratitude of the American people by their kindness to the survivors of the Tuscania, have extended their hospitality in the last few days to nearly 500 men from the Calgarian, one of the finest auxiliary cruisers in the Atlantic service. The Calgarian was torpedoed in the late afternoon, not far from the place where the Tuscania met her doom.

The ship's bell had just sounded 4 o'clock when a torpedo struck. The shock was so slight that it was thought the vessel had merely touched a mine astern. It was hoped to get her safely to port.

A considerable time later a second torpedo struck her, followed quickly by two more. By this time there were several trawlers and patrol vessels in the vicinity and the work of disembarking the crew was hastened. By good fortune the vessel remained afloat some time on an even keel,

Screenland

ATE UP THE WINDOW.

STUART PATON, like every other director, has had experience of the manly looking, six-foot Apollo, who has to have a double in a fight scene so that he will not get his face scratched up. It is his meal ticket and he will not have any more holes punched in it than he can help. So when he was introduced to Ashton Dearholt and told that he might have him to support Carmel Myers in "The Girl in the Dark," which is the name the Bluebird is using for Charles Edmond Walk's popular novel, "The Green Seal," he gave him a chance to back out.

"This role calls for three real stunts and they are some stunts, and must be done close up. I can't use a substitute. Are you game, Mr. Dearholt?"

"I eat them alive," replied Dearholt. "The more stunts there are the better I will like this job."

The first stunt consisted of climbing to the roof of a porch, kicking in a heavy latched door, knocking out three Chinamen and rescuing the girl by taking her down the way he had come up. It was all carefully explained to Dearholt, and he said that he did not need a rehearsal.

"All right," said Paton. "Shoot."

The climb to the roof just warmed the actor to his work, and when he came to the door he did not stop to kick it in as directed. He jumped right thru it and landed in the room in a shower of glass and splintered woodwork.

"If there's anything left of that boy," panted Paton as he dashed up the stairs in alarm, "he'll get away with the rest of the stunts all right. He certainly does eat them up."



ASHTON DEARHOLT

FILMS FOR THE CAMPS.

At last a working agreement has been reached between the Commissions on Training Camp Activities of the War and Navy Departments and the film industry which will enable the picture men to place at the disposal of the camps thousands of feet of the latest and best photoplays produced by all the companies. The film men were always willing to give their film, but not through the channel which had blocked their patriotic impulses. Raymond B. Fosdick, Chairman of the Commissions, has appointed by letter, P. A. Powers, treasurer of the Universal, as chairman of a committee to co-operate in bringing this about. And Mr. Powers will do it.

TWO STAGE SUCCESSES.

Two of New York's most successful successes in a stage way are making their appearance this week in the films. They are A. H. Woods' "The Guilty Man" and Maurice Maeterlinck's "The Blue Bird." Both are said to be universally good. Thomas Inc produced the former and Maurice Tourneur the latter, which is an Easter offering.

NO DRAFT OF FARM LABOR UNTIL JULY 15

Farmer Boys May Begin Work at Home Under Governor's Assurance

(Special to The Dispatch.)

Raleigh, N. C., March 6.—No further draft of farm laborers will send boys to the training camps earlier than July 15, Governor Bickett announced today, and throughout the report it is regarded as the greatest news of the week. "I am giving this opinion in order that farmers and farm laborers may proceed to cultivate their crops upon the assurance that they will not be disturbed earlier than July 15th, by which time crops will be laid by," Governor Bickett declares. He adds that colored men who were liable to call in first draft are liable to be called any time.

PROMINENT MEN TO SPEAK.

Birmingham, Ala., March 6.—The Southern Sociological Congress will meet in Birmingham, April 14 to 17, inclusive. Among those who will appear in the program are W. H. Taft, Samuel Gompers, W. J. Bryan, Henry Van Dyke, U. S. N., Col. C. U. Derick, French army medical corps, Sir Grimwood Meares and Jane Addams. Governor Brough, of Arkansas, the president, will preside.

PACKERS' WAGE CASE CLOSES.

Chicago, March 6.—Closing arguments of counsel were delivered today in the packers' wage controversy. Announcement was made that the hearing would be concluded before the end of the day when Federal Judge Samuel Alshuler, the arbitrator, will take the case under advisement for decision.

PROHIBITION PARTY IN LIVELY CONVENTION

Much Speech Making and Frequent Heckling Featured Second Day

Chicago, March 6.—With the debate interrupted by frequent heckling delegates at the 13th National Convention of the Prohibition Party today began the second day of the special session called to decide upon a merger with the new National Party. Ten minute speeches favoring the merger ended during the forenoon and the opposition, which thus far has won several test clashes, opened its attack, led by Dr. Worrell, of Illinois. Yesterday Dr. Worrell introduced a resolution favoring the merger, provided none of the principles of the prohibition party be sacrificed, but announced today he had changed his views.

George Harger, of New York, favoring the merger caused mild excitement when he called Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, the most important member of President Wilson's cabinet, although not really a member.

Gompers' name was again mentioned by Burton Rockwood, Michigan State chairman, who said in connection with a rumor that the labor head was to be a member of the National Party, that Gompers has fought bitterly the things the Prohibition Party has sought for the last 40 years.

To permit the Prohibition Party delegates to attend the opening session of the National Party Convention, it was announced that the party's meeting would be held late today.

GERMAN NEWSPAPERS NOT SO OPTIMISTIC

Some of Them Can't See Any Great Victory in the East

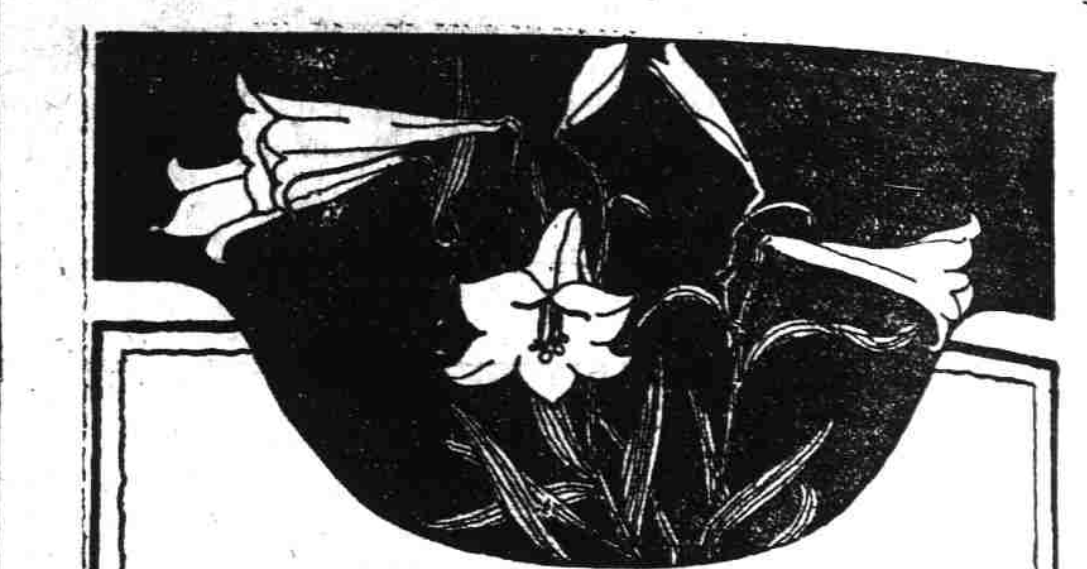
Amsterdam, March 6.—Despite orders from the high command to the German people to baffle their towns and rejoice over peace with Russia, notes of doubt are not lacking in the German press in regard to the future in the East. The Vorwaerts says that Russian territory is not the place the Germans longed for or is German occupation calculated to endure. It adds:

"We should regard it as wiser and more far-seeing if the German government had not exploited to the utmost the helpfulness of the Russian peoples and forced a peace for which the only historical parallel is that which crushed Prussia was obliged to conclude at Tilsit in 1807."

"The German Social Democracy must now take up the fight with the object of preventing the new neighboring states from being treated by Germany as subjugated peoples."

George Bernard, in the Vossische Zeitung, confesses to uneasiness as to whether the same coalition which confronted Germany before the war "and is now momentarily broken as a fighting organization," will not, after the war, re-constitute itself. He hopes that peace in the West, when it comes, will not show the same lack of imagination characterizing the Russian peace.

Herr Bernhard soundly berates Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the former Chancellor, regarding the German demand, revealed by M. Pichon, the foreign minister, to be given Verdun and Toul. He declares it was a piece of stupendous folly which made the entry of Great Britain into the war inevitable.



Advance Spring Greetings From the Season's Display at the Shop of Fine Wares

HONNET Conservative Progress



MAJOR PETERSON IS NOT IN COURT

(Special to The Dispatch.)

Raleigh, March 6.—Judge Stacy, holding regular term of court here took up the case against Major George L. Peterson, of Camp Sevier, who is charged with embezzlement of \$7,600. Peterson did not show up, and at a late hour his attorneys are begging Judge Stacy not to make bondsmen forfeit the \$10,000 for Peterson's appearance.

GERMANS INCREASE WESTERN ARMIES

London, March 6.—The Germans still adding to the number of their divisions on the western front, General F. B. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the war office declared in his weekly talk with the Associated Press. The Germans now have sixteen divisions more than the allies in the west, he said, but the did not mean that they were in superior strength as the allied divisions were numerically larger.

WARANT AGAINST A FRENCH BUYER

Washington, March 6.—On a warrant sworn out by Counselor Bergeron, of the French embassy, charging larceny of from \$3,500,000 to \$6,000,000 from the French government by means of truck and automobile contracts, Frank J. Goldsall, formerly a private in the French army, was arrested here today, and the Federal authorities were asked to return him to France.

POLICE INVESTIGATE DEATH OF INNES

Baltimore, March 6.—Investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of the man thought by the police to be Captain Alexander Innes of the United States Army, whose body was found in his room at a West Fayette street hotel here last night, was continued by the authorities today. The police are hunting for the woman who was with the man when he registered at the hotel last Saturday as "A. Hamilton and wife."

She disappeared about two hours before the discovery of the body. While the coroner has decided the man's death was due to natural causes, the police are anxious to question the woman. A passbook of a savings bank

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Statement of Revenues and Expenses

	1918	1917	1916
Operating Revenues	4,213,955.07	3,710,499.68	3,075,060.00
Operating Expenses	2,949,438.58	2,244,041.83	1,874,212.00
Net Operating Revenues	1,264,516.49	1,466,457.85	1,200,848.00
Deduct Taxes	190,000.00	180,000.00	162,000.00
Operating Income	1,074,516.49	1,286,457.85	1,038,848.00

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chiefly with the naval situation in home waters. That is not due to a lack of appreciation of the importance of the other theatres, including the Mediterranean.

Sir Eric alluded at this point to the fact that the waters around the British Isles had been the enemy's chief field for submarine operations and that with American help, the greatest successes against the submarine had been obtained in those waters. He stated, however, that 30 per cent. of the losses of merchant ships was accounted for in the Mediterranean and that conditions there had been more difficult to meet.

"It became increasingly evident," continued Sir Eric, "that as our resources improved, we would be able to turn our attention more to the Mediterranean. I recently went to Rome for a meeting of the Allied naval committee of the Greek navy. British naval officers are assisting the Greeks in the re-organization of their navy which is already co-operating in the Mediterranean and rendering valuable service."

"The meeting of the committee in Rome was representative of all the Allies with naval forces in European waters. It accepted fully the anti-submarine proposals put forward by Vice Admiral Calthorpe, British commander-in-chief in the Mediterranean. It agreed we should forthwith adopt and adapt to the Mediterranean the same measures which have given success in the waters of the British Isles and the main anti-submarine operations decided on will be undertaken under Vice Admiral Calthorpe's orders."

Sir Eric described briefly his tour of the Mediterranean and then touched on the smooth working of the naval re-organization in Great Britain and the work of the Allied naval council at Versailles. Touching upon the relations with the Allies and remarking that the naval forces in European waters would shortly be augmented by

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a force of Brazilian war vessels, the First Lord continued:

"It is perhaps natural that the co-operation between ourselves and the United States should be extremely close. I wish publicly to pay tribute to the whole-hearted and generous devotion to the prosecution of the war which has governed the action of every representative of the United States navy with which we came into contact. The personnel of all ranks has the respect and esteem of the officers of the British navy."

"We have the advantage of constant consultations with Admiral Sims who attends our daily staff conferences. We have American officers working in various sections of the British admiralty on exactly the same footing as British officers. The co-operation between the two nations is as nearly complete as possible."

Turning to the mercantile losses, Sir Eric said:

"I having stated that the curve of the losses of merchant shipping continues downward. That statement is as true today as when previously made. * * * The loss to the world's tonnage during February was little over half the loss in February last year. The loss for the five months ended in February is 10 per cent. less than the loss in the corresponding months the year previous, although during four months of the latter period unrestricted submarine warfare had not been proclaimed by the enemy. If during the past five months the rate of loss had been maintained at the same rate as for the immediate preceding quarter, that is, the third quarter of last year, the world's shipping would be 600,000 tons less than it is today."

At this point the First Lord exhibited to the House a large diagram showing the curve of the shipping losses. He then took up the question of shipbuilding.

"There is no lack of material in the yards today," said Sir Eric, "and there are more men in the yards, but the output only reaches 58,000 tons in January. It should have been much larger. * * * Instead of a rise in ship production, we have a serious drop. Why? The main fact is that owing labor unrest and strike difficulties the men in the yards are not working as if the life of the country depended on their exertions. * * *

"Our allies are making every effort to increase the production of ships, but there is no doubt a considerable time must elapse before the desired output is secured."

"We had hoped that before the end of the second quarter of this year the output of tonnage would overtake and pass the enemy's destruction. That is still possible, but only if we pull together."

"As to the destruction of German submarines, I have no reason to depart from my opinion that the submarine is held but not mastered. Submarines are being destroyed in increasing numbers and as our methods develop, the numbers will further increase. There is a growing reluctance on the part of the German crews to put to sea. The chances of a submarine returning from a voyage in the waters around England are one in four or one in five. For some months we believe we and the Americans are sinking submarines as fast as they are built."

"The efforts of the British navy and the navies of its allies are being steadily developed and we and our allies are now able to devote more resources to the Mediterranean."

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