

DELIBERATE PLAN Laid to Germany

Letter Received Month Ago in Washington Looks on War With Equanimity.

MUNITION SALES RESENTED

America Regarded as in No Condition to Fight, While Conflict of Own Would Stop Sending Ammunition to Allies.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—(Special.)—That Germany deliberately to destroy the Lusitania irrespective of the fact that Americans might be on board as passengers and that she would regard war with the United States "with feeling of equanimity," is declared to have been shown by a letter from a high German government source received in Washington almost a month ago. The nature of the letter cannot be disclosed nor can the letter be printed in full at this time. The following summary and paraphrase is declared, however, on high authority to be accurate.

That a radical change in public sentiment toward America has taken place in recent weeks. Its character is shown by the following statement made by Field Marshal General von Hindenburg:

"How can I feel kindly toward a people with whom we have no quarrel and whose ammunition is daily killing my soldiers?"

War Viewed With Equanimity.

That Germany looks "with equanimity upon a possible war with the United States." Germany's situation would not be seriously affected thereby. On the other hand if war should come, the United States would stop selling munitions to the allies, for it would need them for its own use.

That America is in no condition to go to war.

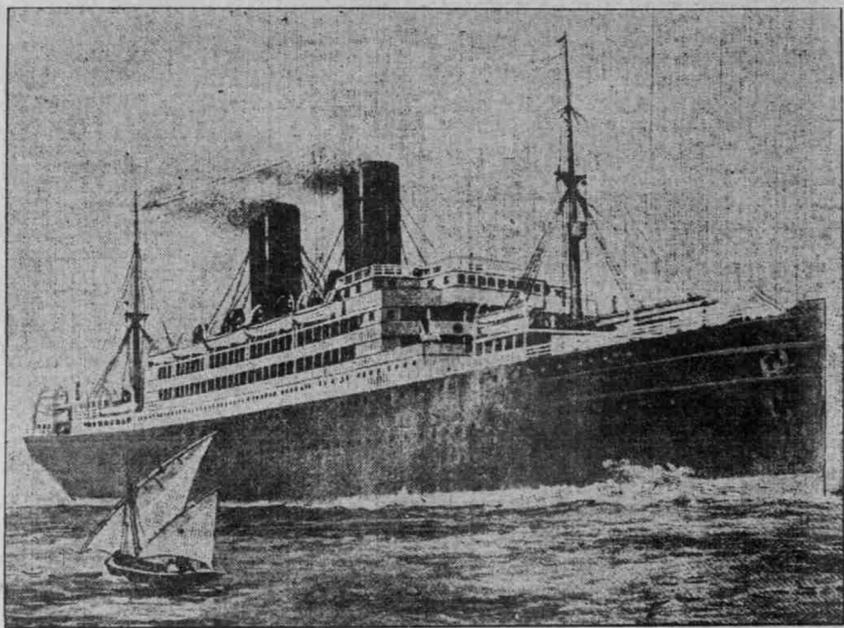
America has no army and Germany has its opinion of the United States fleet. Moreover, it is not for a moment to be supposed that the German and Irishmen in the United States would remain tranquil in a war against Germany which would be an aid to England. "You must think of the effect of this upon your own government and whether it might not be in danger of overthrow."

Starvation Policy Resented.

That there is not the slightest question that if "one of our submarines should encounter the Lusitania, she would torpedo her," it would make no difference whether she flew the American or the English flag. The English have announced a policy of starvation for the women and children of Germany. Why should we concern ourselves about some of their women and children be drowned as the result of an attack on one of her ships? Show several hundred Americans be drowned at the same time, the fault would rest on them; they have given warning and they ought not to blame Germany. Rather the responsibility rests on England. You must not forget that our submarines and their officers and crew cannot pursue any other course than it has been necessary for them for the sake of their own safety to follow.

"That this submarine war was forced on Germany and in it our Government is backed by every man, woman and child in the Empire. It will not be stopped. It will not be stopped until our enemies recognize the right of our peaceable population to receive the food to which they are entitled."

LINER NOW EN ROUTE FOR ENGLAND WITH PASSENGERS IN FACE OF GERMAN WARNINGS.



STEAMER TRANSYLVANIA, WHICH SAILED ON DAY LUSITANIA WAS SUNK.

LIBAU IS CAPTURED

Germans Report Taking of Town and 1600 Prisoners.

RIVER WISLOKA CROSSED

General Mackensen's Army Said to Be Pursuing Russians and Total of Captives in Galicia Is Now Figured at 70,000.

BERLIN, via London, May 8.—Official announcement was made at the German War Office today that the City of Libau, in the province of Courland, Russia, has been captured by the Germans.

In the capture of Libau, the Germans have gained one of the main objects of their invasion of the Baltic provinces of Russia. This movement was designed to occupy Libau and Riga, which would enable the German to harass Russian communications with Petrograd.

Libau is an important seaport and industrial center. It is about 75 miles along the seacoast from the German border.

The official communication says: "The troops we sent against the City of Libau took possession of this town yesterday. Sixteen hundred prisoners, 18 cannons and four machine guns fell into our hands."

"In the southeastern theater of the war, the pursuit of the defeated enemy by the army under General Mackensen and such troops of our allies as joined this army, was continued steadily throughout yesterday. Our advance forces crossed the River Wisloka in the neighborhood of Krosno yesterday evening.

"The joint action of all parts of the army engaged in this advance led to the cutting off of not inconsiderable Russian forces. Consequently the total number of prisoners taken in the Galicia arena since the end of April should, so far, have been increased to about 70,000 men. Eighty-eight cannons, including nine of heavy caliber, have been taken from the Russians."

PASTOR TELLS OF SWINDLE

Matron of Wisconsin College Testifies of Loss by Monaton Stock.

CREW TAKEN PRISONERS

German Submarine Sinks Wilson Liner and Another Steamship, and Loss of Additional Traveler on Sunday Is Reported.

NEW YORK, May 8.—(Rev. Charles E. Nash, who formerly occupied a pulpit in Minneapolis, told on the witness stand in the United States District Court how he helped Pierre M. Looker dispose of the securities of the Monaton Realty Investing Corporation.

Mr. Nash says he relinquished his charge to enter the employ of Looker, who is on trial for using the mails to defraud investors of more than \$1,000,000 of the profit-sharing certificates and bonds of the Monaton Realty. Looker was the president of the company. The firm of Kendrick & Dowdell was its representative in Philadelphia.

Miss Elizabeth Dawson, matron of a woman's college at Allentown, Wis., resumed the stand this morning to tell how she made two attempts to get back her savings from the company.

Miss Dawson came from Wisconsin to find out what had become of her money after the promised dividends failed to arrive. She said she tried to get a list of the apartment properties the company was supposed to possess, but that Looker said there were only four.

She said she reminded Looker that the salesman who sold her the profit-sharing certificates guaranteed her a return of \$3400 on her investment. Looker, she said, replied that the salesman had exceeded his authority, as she was entitled to only \$2000.

Having asked for a statement of what she paid into the company, Miss Dawson said she was shown a record in which the total did not correspond with her own figures.

The witness quoted Looker as saying he would put the matter in the hands of the company's legal department and would refuse to see her if she called again.

DESTROYER IS SUNK

Maori Stricken Mine and Rescuers Are Driven Off.

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LONDON, May 8.—A British torpedo-boat destroyer, two British steamships and a traveler comprise the additional toll of mines and submarines today. The destroyer was the Maori. The crew is reported to have been taken prisoners by the Germans.

One of the steamships was the Wilson liner Truro, sunk today by the German submarine U-35 off Day Island. The crew was landed at Rosyth Castle, Scotland. The other was the Don of Goole, torpedoed off Couquet Island, near the Northumberland coast. The crew was rescued.

Concerning the sinking of the Maori the British Admiralty today issued the following statement:

"While operating off the Belgian coast, the torpedo-boat destroyer Maori, Commander B. W. Burrow, Royal Navy, struck a mine about two miles northwest of the Wellington lightship.

"The crew took to the boats when the ship was sinking. The torpedo-boat destroyer Crusader, Lieutenant-Commander G. D. L. Mebbis in command, which was in company with the Maori, lowered her boats to assist in picking up the crew of the Maori, but the enemy then opened fire from shore batteries and the Crusader, after being under fire for an hour and a half, had to leave her boats and retire.

"It is reported from German sources that the crew of the Maori and the crew of the Crusader, seven officers and 28 men in all, were taken prisoners and the Crusader, after being under fire for an hour and a half, had to leave her boats and retire.

"The Maori was 285 feet long and of 1935 tons displacement. She was built in 1909 and her complement was 71 men. She was armed with two four-inch guns and two torpedo tubes.

"A dispatch from the Central News from Aberdeen says the steam trawler Remington, one of three which escaped from a German submarine Sunday, was sunk by shell fire from a submarine off Aberdeen at 4 o'clock yesterday. The crew was saved by a Norwegian steamer."



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could not sleep for wondering if it really did help some. So he got up in the middle of the night and searched the kitchen for a hammer. There being none handy he tried it with a small ax.

When other lodgers called Policeman Jenkins he was still diligently laboring his skull with an ax. At the hospital the surgeon pronounced "multiple contusions of the scalp."

"No, Gerald did not say whether it did hurt or not."

Woman Peacemaker Felled.

ROSEBURG, Or., May 8.—(Special.)—Her desire to stop a fight, in which Orange Norman, a colored porter at a local hotel, and Gordon Gange, a liverman, were engaged, cost Mrs. Bertha Johnson, of this city, a serious injury of the head. The negro aimed a heavy fist at his opponent, when Mrs. Johnson jumped between the two men. The fist struck her over the eye and she was rendered unconscious.

CHURCH ADDITION SURE

OREGON CITY BAPTISTS PLAN TO MEET INCREASED GROWTH.

Bible School Roll of Church is increased from 200 to more than 500 during two years.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 8.—(Special.)—Owing to the large increase in membership and in attendance at Sunday-school, the congregation of children of the church has grown from 200 to more than 500, with an average Sunday attendance of 400. These are several organized classes with 30 and 40 enrolled and the classrooms have been outgrown. The need of a first-class gymnasium has been felt for some time. The gymnasium planned will have a floor at least 32 by 54 feet with a 14-foot ceiling, with shower baths.

During the two years more than 100 members have been added to the church. Rev. W. T. Milliken has worked on the idea that the preaching is the smallest part of the work of the church, the main thing being to keep everybody busy.

An efficiency committee consisting of A. E. Rugg, J. L. Litzberg, A. Wittol, Mrs. C. A. Nash, F. A. Olmsted, Mrs. George Millington, J. W. Loder, Miss Marie Trimble, Miss Josephine, Mrs. D. C. Latourette, Floyd Etcheson and Conrad Vierhus, is attempting to remedy weak points in church work. A workers' meeting is held with a banquet each month, where the latest and best plans in religious education are discussed.

SHERWOOD CLUB AT WORK

Portland Speakers Are Heard and Regular Business Transacted.

SHERWOOD, Or., May 8.—(Special.)—W. J. Brewer, of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, and C. J. Gay, of Portland, were the principal speakers at the regular meeting of the newly organized Sherwood Commercial Club Thursday night.

Mr. Brewer dwelt briefly on the spirit to be manifested in a live commercial club in a small town. He spoke also of the possibilities of the work, that can be done and impressed the "get-together" spirit.

Mr. Gay outlined the advantages that would be gained through an organization such as Sherwood has in the making. The regular business of the club included the adoption of bylaws. Among matters of importance acted upon was the appointing of membership contest committee, with H. F. Bushong as leader of the "Boosters" and L. A. Hamerly as leader of the "Boomers."

COAST SURVEY OFFICER MISSING.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Captain J. B. Miller, of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, is among those missing on the Lusitania. Captain Miller was just back from a long trip in Philippine and Alaskan waters.

SUICIDE KILLS PONY FIRST

Despondent Farmland Also Starts Fire That Burns Employer's Home.

COLDWATER, Kan., May 4.—Thomas Hinkle, a farmhand, shot his favorite pony, then after starting a fire which destroyed his employer's house, placed the gun to his own head and committed suicide.

Hinkle was a bachelor, about 50 years old, working on a farm 15 miles southwest of Coldwater. Several workmen had been staying at the house, but had gone to town, leaving Hinkle to look after the farm work. Employees of the farm say they noticed a few days before that Hinkle was despondent.

Hinkle had owned the pony several years and had often said that it would never fall into the hands of unkind owners.

HORSE MOURNS FOR DRIVER

Faithful Animal Jumps Fence and Follows Master to Grave.

LA ROSSE, Wis., May 4.—One of the most notable cases of animal devotion to an owner was that of "Babe," a horse driven by Andrew Robinson, a Crosse grocer, who was buried recently. The horse had been driven for a dozen years by the grocer in the days before he became prosperous, when he was driving his own delivery wagon.

When he died the horse was sent at his wish to Irish Conle, 18 miles away, with a provision that he be allowed to spend the rest of her life without work in the fields at pasture. "Babe," however, leaped the fence and appeared at the Robinson home just in time to follow the hearse to the cemetery, without even a halter on her neck.

SHOES SOUGHT FOR PUPILS

Plea for Needs to Be Furthered Before School Board Tuesday.

To get the School Board to provide shoes for dependent children who may be kept out of school for lack of them, Mrs. E. E. Bondurant will go before the supply committee of the School Board Tuesday and point out the necessity for providing for these children.

Mrs. Bondurant, an Irish Officer Krum formally presented her proposition to the Board by resolution Thursday.

The system recommended is now in operation in Denver and Chicago. Mrs. Bondurant says that she personally has supplied at least 30 pairs of new shoes for children with funds which she collected by subscription for that purpose.

In 1913 the death rate of infants in England for each thousand population was 109. This figure has been declining for a number of years.

CREW CAPTURED BY GERMANS

Berlin Says All Men on Maori and Crusader's Boats Were Saved.

BERLIN, via London, May 8.—An official communication by the German War Office concerning the sinking of the British destroyer Maori, says: "The British destroyer Maori was sunk off Zebruggen. The destroyer Crusader, which had come to its support, was forced to retreat and leave in lurch lifeboats which it had launched.

"The entire crew of the Maori and the crew of the Crusader were saved by our own vessels and taken in Zebruggen. In all there are seven officers and 81 men."

MAN BEATS HEAD WITH AX

Joke Inspires Him to Learn How Blows Would Feel.

NEW YORK, May 2.—You've heard the story of the man who hit himself on the head with a hammer and went mad as his reason the fact that it felt so good when he quit.

You probably laughed when you heard the first time. Not so General Fitzgibbon, of West Forty-ninth Street. It worried him. In fact, he

COLORED EDUCATOR HURT

Assistant Superintendent of Washington Schools Auto Victim.

BALTIMORE, Md., May 3.—Roscoe C. Bruce, colored, assistant superintendent of the public schools of Washington and highest honor man of Harvard class of '02, is in the Mercy Hospital in a serious condition. He was unconscious when brought to the hospital with his skull fractured, as the result of an automobile accident on the curve of some highway.

His secretary, Frederick D. Morton, who was with him when the accident occurred, brought him to the hospital. Bruce left Washington for Baltimore in his automobile, driving himself. The secretary said they were going up the curve hill near Relay and had made the first bend in safety. As the car went around the second bend the front wheel broke at the hub and Bruce, who was at the wheel, was catapulted out of the machine, landing on his head about 30 feet away. The engine continued to run, and the hub and axle of the car ploughed up the road for ten feet.

Another machine came along and offered assistance. Bruce was placed in it and taken to the Mercy Hospital, where he was sent to the surgical ward immediately. An operation was performed.

TOY GUN ROUTS BURGLARS

Boy of Eight, With Glass Pistol, Puts Robbers to Flight.

NEW YORK, May 2.—A glass toy pistol leveled by the valiant hand of 8-year-old Wilbur Baldwin frightened away two burglars. They had effected an entrance by chloroforming the watchdog.

Before the dauntless scowl of Wilbur the two men fled, taking with them a gold watch and chain, heirlooms valued at \$700, and a necklace of pearls worth \$1000. Had it not been for the terror inspired by young Baldwin, they probably would have got away with his mother's jewelry case, containing \$5000 in trinkets and rings.

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