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TIME GIVEN FOR EXPLANATIONS

German Side of Arabic Story Wanted in Washington

WILL ISSUE NO STATEMENT UNTIL THEN

White Star Line Officials Claim That Only Two Americans Were Among Those Who Perished.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Tension increased in official quarters last night when consular messages forwarding affidavits of American survivors of the British liner Arabic brought definite information that the vessel was torpedoed without warning and that probably some Americans had been lost.

Waiting for German Statement.

In addition to awaiting information from the American survivors, the embassy in London, and American consuls, officials expect some word from Ambassador Gerard at Berlin to indicate whether the attack without warning on the Arabic is the action of the German government.

Should Germany offer an explanation, asserting there were qualifying circumstances, such as an attempt by the Arabic to escape or ram the submarine, the disclosure on Germany's part to discuss the case would in all likelihood be construed here as a disavowal of any intention to violate the principles for which the United States has contended.

Officials here have found it difficult to reconcile the act with previous declaration from Germany that the purpose of the submarine warfare was to prevent the carriage of munitions of war to the allies.

TWO KILLED IN PORTLAND WRECK

PORTLAND, Aug. 21.—H. P. Best, a conductor, and T. E. Potter, a brakeman, were instantly killed at 6:30 last night, when a Southern Pacific freight train collided with a light engine near Rivera, about four miles south of Portland.

Best and Potter were members of the freight crew. The train was carrying a load of logs to Hillsboro. They were proceeding backwards with the idea of turning around at the Oswego bridge.

The conductor and brakeman were riding in the caboose, which was the head end of the train, and were crushed between the timbers of the car. Conductor Best and brakeman Potter were both well known in this city, as both of the men had worked out of Roseburg on the Southern Pacific.

Arabic Not Convoied.

For awhile today some officials, hearing that the Arabic was conveyed for a time on her outward journey from Liverpool, thought this might have caused the German submarine to disregard the rule of visit and search and the giving of warning. Later, however, the statement of an American survivor, transmitted officially, told how the life boats drifted for hours before being picked up.

Even if the Arabic was conveyed part way it would not affect her status, in the opinion of lawyers of the state department. The theory that the Arabic may have attempted to ram the German submarine was scouted by naval officials of high rank, who said the prevailing impression that a large passenger vessel could ram underwater craft was erroneous.

Officials Hope For No Break. WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Threatening as the German-American situation was, the officials are still hopeful that the sinking of the Arabic with the loss of two Americans, would not lead to a break with Germany.

The attitude of the administration is not irreconcilable, a high official and authority said, and while the United States will not submit to a slap in the face, there is no intention of disregarding the German foreign office, if it has anything to say. No further details of the sinking have been received.

COUNSUL REPORTS AMERICANS LOST

LONDON, Aug. 21.—While the casualties surrounding the attack on the Arabic are still surrounded in mystery, the details of the sinking of the ship with the loss of American lives, are promised as soon as the captain makes his official report. Consal Frost, of Queensdown, has finally confirmed the report that Mrs. Josephine Brugulere and Dr. Edward Woods are the only American passenger missing.

HURRICANE TAKES NORTHERN COURSE

CHICAGO, Aug. 21.—Cracking its way northward, like a giant whip unfolding, the hurricane which swept Texas has struck northern Illinois and Wisconsin, and is wearing itself out on Lake Michigan.

SUBMARINES GET MANY SHIPS

Three More Vessels Reported Destroyed in 24 Hours

LAPLAND WITH 318 PASSENGERS MISSING

Shipping Interests Show Great Anxiety and Many Wild Rumors Are Being Circulated.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—The report that the steamer Bovic has been sunk is untrue according to the Press Association which says the steamer arrived at Liverpool yesterday and proceeded to Manchester.

Fourteen steamers with a total gross tonnage of 47,698 have been sunk in the last 48 hours by German submarines. This toll, which establishes a record for so short a period, was more than twice as heavy as that levied by underwater craft in the preceding week.

Ten Vessels British. Ten of the vessels sunk in the past two days were British, three were Norwegian and one was Spanish. The total tonnage known to have been lost Friday was 26,674 and Thursday it was 21,024.

The largest vessel whose loss has been confirmed was the Arabic of 15,181 tons. Reports that the Lapland of 17,649 tons and the Nicolian of 6,369 tons have been sunk have not been verified. The fate of the Dunsley, 2,956 tons not reported torpedoed just before the Arabic was sunk has not been definitely determined.

Submarines torpedoed Friday, the British steamers Restormel, 2,118 tons; Baron Mackinnon, 5,585 tons; New York City, 2,190 tons; Samara 3,173 tons; Gladiator, 3,359 tons; Bittern, 1,797 tons, and the Ben Brachie 3,908 tons, a total of 22,729 tons.

The Norwegian steamers Sverresborg 674 tons and the Bras 1,351 tons, as well as the Spanish steamer Perlascastillo 1,920 tons, also were sunk, making a grand total of 26,674 tons.

The vessels sunk Thursday were the Arabic 15,801 tons; the Grodno, 1,955 tons; the Serbing 2,205 tons and the Magda 1,063 tons, a total of 21,024. All these vessels were of British registry except the Magda which was Norwegian.

Shipping Officials Kept on Keen Edge. NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—Messages from England to the White Star offices here apparently suffered from the English censorship.

Only one dispatch, detailing certain changes in previous lists of survivors and missing, escaped the censor's blue pencil. The lack of definite news from abroad was balanced by a host of rumors that tried the nerves of officials and left them in a keen state of apprehension as to the fate of at least one more large steamer in or near the war zone, the Lapland, which sailed August 12 from this port for Liverpool with 318 passengers, including 13 Americans, and a capacity cargo of war munitions and other supplies.

Among these was the report that the liner Bovic, a freighter, departing from New York August 8 with a big cargo, but no passengers, for Manchester, had met the Arabic's fate. Word that the Bovic had been sunk was received in a press dispatch here from London at 5:36 p. m. yesterday.

ABE RUEF GIVEN PAROLE AT LAST

SAN QUENTIN, Cal., Aug. 21.—Abe Ruef, the noted politician has been paroled from the United States prison on the condition that he would not return to San Francisco for three months, but be exiled to Mendocino county for the first three months of his liberty.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Akra and son, Romaine, and Mrs. Mary E. Buemp, Josephine Kasse, who have been visiting for several days in this city, left this morning for San Francisco, and San Diego, where they will attend the two expositions before turning to their home.

TURKISH POLICE VERY ACTIVE

Constant Surveillance Over All Foreigners.

SLIGHTEST SUSPICION LEADS TO ARREST

Relations Between Germans and Turks is Becoming More Strained Every Day, Officials Declare.

By Henry Wood.

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

CONSTANTINOPLE, (By courier to Dedeagach and thence by mail.)—More and more, as the existence of the empire becomes menaced more and more does the Turkish police department the one and only department of government for which the Turk has ever shown a real genius, increase its activities.

Recently complaint was made to Enver Pasha that there was too much surveillance of the Scorpion, the United States ship now anchored in the Bosphorus at the foot of the American college for girls.

"But it is the duty of the police to watch everything, to watch everybody," replied the 32-year-old minister of war. "Every 20 minutes of the day and night a patrol boat passes my house. I am watched like all the rest."

This sensation of being constantly under the eyes of the police produces on the part of the foreigner here a degree of caution; he never knows at what instant a chance word he may utter may be overheard by a secret policeman, in consequence of which he may be charged with the utterance of treason.

Only a few days ago Colonel Leipzig, the military attaché of the German embassy was killed. He was a magnificent type of the German officer, over six feet tall, a gentleman both in appearance and in actuality, known and loved by everyone.

There was scarcely a foreigner in all Constantinople who did not see in this mysterious death the culmination at least in part of his convictions that sooner or later the Turks will

EVENTS IN THE WAR ONE YEAR AGO TODAY

- Allies and Germans battle on 20-mile front from Charleroi to Namur. German troops shatter French advance east of the Vosges mountains. Russia continues advance on German and Austrian borders. Four-day battle on the banks of the Drina ends in defeat of Austrians by Serbs, who took many prisoners. Brussels treasurer refuses German demand for \$40,000. French troops are driven out of Lorraine and battle at Muhlhausen is expected. Italy reported to have decided on general mobilization.

turn on the German officers now stationed at Constantinople. But not a single person in all Constantinople once expressed this suspicion.

"They say it was accidental," is what everyone said to his most intimate friend and to this remark silence alone followed. A word uttered might have been overheard by a secret police and the individual hauled up for treason.

That the position of the Germans at Constantinople is becoming daily more delicate there can be no question. I know personally that even in the case of the death of Colonel Leipzig, the Turkish censor insisted that the official announcement as prepared by the German ambassador be submitted before being telegraphed to Berlin and that the original text was altered.

Many German officers after their day's work at the "Quartier General" change to civilian's dress before appearing on the streets in the evening. German and Austrian civilians are leaving by every train. Part of those who left on the same train I did, left cursing the country which had joined them in war. One German correspondent representing one of Germany's great newspapers—the Berliner Tageblatt—was expelled because he saw things as they actually were and not as the Turks wanted him to see them.

But there is every indication that the German soldiers, sailors and officers now in Turkey will stay to the end. Whatever the fate of Turkey may be there is every indication that not a man will hesitate to share it and if the Turkish empire passes out of existence it is likely these men will pass with it.

TAFT COMING TO OREGON

BOISE, Idaho, Aug. 21.—Ex-President Taft spent a quiet day as the guest of Calvin Cobb, publisher of the Idaho Statesman. His only public appearance will be at the Commercial club reception this afternoon. He leaves for Portland tonight.

U. OF O. REGENT IS APPOINTED

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 21.—The governor has appointed Ray Goodrich, of Eugene, as a regent of the University of Oregon, to succeed the late S. H. Friendly.

GERMANS CAPTURE A RUSSIAN CITY

BERLIN, Aug. 21.—The forces under General von Gallwitz have captured the city of Bielsk it is announced from the war office. The capture of Bielsk cuts the communications of the Russians between the fortress of Grodno and Brest-Litovsk. South of Bielsk, the official statement said that von Gallwitz drove the Russians across the Biala and Jesia rivers.

CARTOONS OF THE DAY

SAVAGE, WHY DO YOU STARE?



—Dunaway in Cleveland Plain Dealer