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AMERICAN STEAMER SUNK BY GERMAN SUBMARINE

Captain Nordberg and Twenty-seven American Sailors Were Saved. No Casualties. Submarine Refused Assistance to Men in Life Boats.

London, March 14.—(United Press)—The American steamer Algonquin was submarined without warning Monday. She was en route to London carrying food-stuffs.

Captain Nordberg cabled twenty-seven American sailors were saved. No casualties.

The submarine refused to assist lifeboats.

The Algonquin sailed from Brooklyn February 20th.

French Pierce German Lines

Paris, March 14.—(United Press)—It is announced the French captured the Romainville farm south of St. Michael. They pierced the German lines at four points.

Turks Are Defending New Positions.

Constantinople, March 14.—(United Press)—It is announced the Turks are defending new positions between Bagdad and Samara.

General Von Hindenburg's Gibraltar Is Doomed.

BY WILLIAM PHILLIP SIMMS

(United Press Correspondent)

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, March 14.—Bapaume is doomed. General Hindenburg called the city "another Gibraltar." It will probably fall before the end of the week. Germans have surrendered Loupert Woods.

Germans Repulse Heavy British Attacks.

Berlin, via Sayville, March 14.—(United Press)—It is announced that the Germans repulsed heavy British attacks at Ancre Sector. Fifty prisoners were taken.

President Wilson Will Send Militant Message.

BY ROBERT J. BENDER

(United Press Correspondent)

Washington, March 14.—It is learned that President Wilson's message to the next session of Congress will be sharply militant.

He will urge legislation in connection with arming the merchantmen. Also universal military training, army appropriations, and conservation measures enabling the government to use public lands and mineral resources.

He plans to ask immediate extension of the shipping board's powers on account of the critical maritime situation.

CHINA BREAKS OFF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH GERMANY.

Washington, March 14.—(United Press)—The navy department learned officially that China broke off diplomatic relations with Germany. China seized six German merchantmen at Shanghai harbor and brought the crews ashore. She placed armed guards aboard.

RUSSIANS ARE VICTORS; TURKS LOSE A CITY

KERMANSIAH, PERSIA, IS CAPTURED—GERMANS MAY BE FORCED TO RETREAT

London, March 14.—(United Press)—It is announced the Russians captured Kermansiah, Persia. This is another severe blow to Turkish prestige. The Russians are advancing from the north and cooperating with the British.

The commander of the British Mesopotamian expedition reported he had advanced detachments thirty miles beyond Bagdad.

Constantinople dispatches indicated the main Turkish army was near Samarra, seventy miles beyond Bagdad. The Turkish commanders were evidently unable to reorganize their routed forces before retreating a considerable distance in order to escape the British advanced attackers.

The German retirement around Bapaume may presage the abandonment

GERARD IS NOW IN WASHINGTON

Washington, March 14.—(United Press)—Ambassador Gerard arrived this afternoon. A big crowd of cheering friends met him. Officials greeted him. Gerard was happy. His wife watched the crowds. Movie operators worked.

Gerard immediately received a White House memorandum asking him to make no comment on the German situation until he transmits a full report to the state department. Secret service men surrounded the Ambassador. He went directly to the Shoreham Hotel.

Operation On Visitor.

Edna Eames of La Grande, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. C. Dugger, underwent an operation for appendicitis at St. Alphonsus hospital.—Boise Capital News.

of the entire Bapaume-Beaureine line. British occupation of Bapaume would render the German positions north of the city untenable. The British could launch flank attacks, south from Arras and north from Bapaume.

INQUEST HELD OVER ENG; SIX GUNMEN HELD

TWO WOMEN HELD AS ACCESSORIES TO THE CRIME

WITNESSES IDENTIFY ONE CHINAMAN AS MURDERER

One Woman Sewed Unintentionally Yesterday as Searchers Passed Through Her Home—Under Her Were Five Armed Chinamen. Theory Now Held that Two Chinese Shot at Eng—Special Police Guard Chinese Quarter and Watch Trains.—Chinese Taken from Number Six This Morning.

Woman May Lose Foot.

Mrs. C. E. George, the woman hit in the right ankle yesterday noon by one of the bullets intended for Billy Eng, is still at the Grande Ronde hospital. An X-ray examination of the ankle shows the bullet was imbedded in the bone and had badly shattered it. The surgeons attending Mrs. George do not know yet whether the foot will have to be amputated.

"William Eng came to his death by gunshot wounds inflicted by unknown Chinamen" was the verdict returned this morning by the coroner's jury which investigated the killing of Eng in front of the postoffice building yesterday noon. The inquest was held in Bohnenkamp's undertaking establishment where the body of Eng was taken yesterday, and at the courthouse where the Chinamen thought to be implicated in the shooting are being held.

Some of the witnesses picked out one of the Chinese and said he was the man who had done the shooting. Other witnesses could not identify him.

Four Chinese were arrested as they alighted from number six this morning and were taken to headquarters by Chief Rayburn. One was Gooley, of Pendleton, an uncle of Billy Eng.

Louis, Chinese helper at the Sommer hotel, was arrested at six-thirty this morning on the streets and

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Democrat Asks For Election Investigation

Washington, March 14.—(United Press)—Ex-Senator Chilton, a West Virginia Democrat, asked for a Senate investigation of the election wherein Howard Sutherland, Republican, won.

LA GRANDE'S FIRST STYLE SHOW IS A THING OF PAST

Misses Geneive Stoddard, Edith Lewis and Dora Van Fleet Were Prize Winners. Participants Pleased.

La Grande's first style show is a thing of the past.

Three prizes, instead of one, were awarded the young women who acted as models: Miss Geneive Stoddard won first prize, a choice of a suit or coat; Miss Edith Lewis won second prize, choice of a \$10 hat or pair of shoes; Miss Dora Van Fleet won third prize, choice of a \$10 hat or pair of shoes.

Last night two new models appeared: little Miss Harriet Casey and Master Barton Conner. New garments were worn by all the models. A. H. Allen, though he had been sick the entire day with tonsillitis, got up and handled the show.

In judging the show perhaps the opinion of the people involved, the local young men and women who acted as models, the stores that participated and Miss Vaughan and Mr. Allen, is the best criterion of its success or failure.

Frank Conner said this morning:

GERMANY WILL BE RUTHLESS AGAINST SHIPS

SINKING OF THE ALGONQUIN DOES NOT CHANGE SITUATION

DOES NOT MEAN IMMEDIATE WAR

Washington Authorities Regard Situation As Serious—Arming of American Vessels the Answer—Germany Disregarded Belgian Relief Plaid in Sinking the Storstad.

BY CARL D. GROAT

Washington, March 14.—(United Press)—The Algonquin sinking confirmed the administration belief that Germany will ruthlessly attack American shipping. It did not change the general situation.

Armed ships constitute the United States defense against Germany's illegal sea methods. The sinking convinced the authorities Germany does not intend to modify its submarine policy.

The Algonquin left New York unarmed.

It is generally believed the sinking does not mean war immediately. The state department officials regarded the case as serious. The government is taking all possible steps.

Affidavits of the survivors of the Norwegian ship Storstad confirmed previous reports that Germany disregarded the Belgian relief flag.

The government learned submarines were operating at night.

Navy Department To Build Cruisers

Washington, March 14.—(United Press)—Navy Department authorized bids ranging from \$5,950,000 to \$6,120,000 for six newly authorized scout cruisers.

Count Von Bernstorff Arrives In Berlin

Amsterdam, March 14.—(United Press)—Berlin reported that Ambassador von Bernstorff had arrived. The foreign office representatives, Captain Boy-Ed and Dr. Bernhard Dernberg joined the big crowd of greeters.

THE WEATHER

Portland, March 14.—(United Press)—The weather forecast: "Fair and warmer in the east. Frost in the west. West winds."

PRESIDENT WILL TRY TO AVOID RAILROAD STRIKE

He Probably Will Act After Tomorrow's Meeting Between Brotherhood Chiefs and Railroad Managers In New York.

Washington, March 14.—(United Press)—It is believed President Wilson intends to halt the railroad strike orders. He will probably act after tomorrow's meeting of the Brotherhood chiefs and railway managers in New York.

President Wilson's condition is better, but he is still weak.

The Brotherhoods are determined to strike unless the railroads submit. They say a progressive strike will not greatly inconvenience the public.

The railroads are determined not to act until the Supreme Court decides on the Adamson law.

They claim the Brotherhoods promised President Wilson to delay action until the law was decided.

The unions issued a circular declaring mail train crews have the right to strike.

The strike may follow tomorrow's meeting.

RAILWAY BROTHERHOOD CHIEFS MEET SEPARATELY.

New York, March 14.—(United Press)—The Railway managers' committee and the Brotherhood chiefs met separately preparing for the general session tomorrow.

Washington, March 14.—(Special)—Complete plans for the four railroad brotherhoods for a Nation-wide strike to be inaugurated next Saturday night unless the railroads grant their eight-hour day demands were ratified here last night by local union leaders from southeastern territory and by a similar conference of representatives of the southwest, held at St. Louis.

The Brotherhood heads will tell the railroad conference committee in New York Thursday that if an agreement is not reached this week for the establishment of an eight-hour basic day, with time and a half for overtime, strike orders, already issued to local organizations, will become effective.

The demands are just what they were last Fall, when President Wilson averted a strike after the call was out by inducing Congress to pass the Adamson law, which never has been put into effect, pending a decision on its constitutionality by the Supreme Court.

There is every indication that the President is prepared to move again if it becomes apparent that the Nation facing the gravest international crisis of its history, is about to have its transportation facilities paralyzed.

Although still suffering from a severe cold, the President heard reports during the day from Secretary Wilson on the plans of the brotherhoods. There was no statement as to what action he was contemplating, but it is understood to be probable that his first step may be an appeal to the employers and employees to reach an agreement as a patriotic duty.

It became known today that on March 7 the brotherhood chiefs wrote to the President advising him of the meeting to be held with the railroad committee March 15 and assuring him that if the country should become involved in war they would cooperate with the government in every possible way.

The southeastern union officials were told by the brotherhood chiefs that the strike orders had been arranged so as to have the walkout begin on a certain group of roads at 7 p. m. (Eastern standard time) Saturday and gradually extend to all railroads in the country by next Wednesday.

Each 24 hours until Wednesday a new group would be affected. This progressive system, the union men say, was adopted to avoid paralyzing traffic suddenly throughout the entire country and to give railroads a chance to stop the strike's spread by meeting the union demands if they wish.

While the brotherhood leaders would not talk for publication about their strike arrangements, they declared all plans had received unanimous approval from the sectional meetings so far held and that similar action was certain to be taken by the meetings in New York and St. Paul today.

"We will go before the railroads' representatives Thursday with our entire membership united behind our demands," said W. G. Lee, head of the trainmen.

Calls for meetings of local committees the next three days in about 15 cities over the country to receive final instructions for the strike went out today from brotherhood headquarters in Cleveland.

PITTSBURG MEN GET NOTICE

Order Directs That Trips Be Completed and Trains Abandoned.

Pittsburg, March 14.—Members of the railroad brotherhoods in the Pittsburg district are said to have received a formal order today to strike on March 17, "unless otherwise notified," the circular, which also officially instructs them as to their conduct during the strike, is signed "Committee B. of L. E., B. of L. F., O. R. C., B. of R. T." The circular consists of seven numbered paragraphs, the last reading as follows:

"Your representatives have been unable to effect a satisfactory settlement and a strike under the laws of the respective organizations becomes effective March 17, 1917, 6 p. m. Central time, 7 p. m. Eastern time, unless otherwise notified."

The first paragraph directs that "no man in road service involved in the strike will perform any service after the hour set to strike unless he already has begun a trip and has actually left terminal. If the train has left the terminal he will complete the trip and deliver the engine and train at the end of run or tie-up point, if tied up under the law, after which he will perform no further service until the close of the strike. Men in other than road service will leave the service at appointed time."

"So far as your legal right to strike is concerned, there is no difference between a mail train and a freight train. You have identically the same right to refuse to perform service on a mail train as you have to refuse to perform service on freight train."

Other sections declare that "acts of violence of any nature will not be tolerated."

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WORKERS PREPARING AUTO SHOW PLACE

MANAGER RIEG HAS FORCE OF CARPENTERS AND DECORATORS BUSY

BAKER WILL SEND THIRTY DEALERS AND MERCHANTS

La Grande's First Automobile and Motorcycle Show Opens Tomorrow Night—W. L. Thompson of Pendleton, State Highway Commissioner Will Speak Friday Night—High School Quintet Will Sing.

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