

CAPTAIN OF VACUUM AND 5 JACKIES SAFE

Lieutenant Thomas' Death Officially Reported; Eight Gunners Rescued.

13 AMERICANS AMONG DEAD

Submarine Attack Is Made During Gale and Survivors Spend 30 Hours in Small Boats, One Succumbing to Exposure.

LIVERPOOL, May 2.—Eighteen survivors of the Vacuum arrived here early today. These were all in one lifeboat which, they said, was the only one of the three launched to remain afloat. One boat was swamped beside the Vacuum just as the steamer was disappearing beneath mountainous seas.

The men who have reached Liverpool stated that their boat was nearly full of water all the time and that all hands took turns in bailing. A sail which was rigged up helped the oarsmen and they reached a cold, bleak shore after 30 hours. Fishermen's boats were thrown open to them and women provided food and warm clothing. Many of the survivors were suffering from exposure. On the next day they were taken away by a trawler.

U-Boat Braves Storm. Oscar Galles, the first mate, who lives near Boston, Mass., told the Associated Press that the most striking fact in connection with the torpedoing was the marvelous way in which the submarine maneuvered in the great seas.

"It was blowing a gale," he said, "and the seas were coming over the Vacuum yet after we were torpedoed. The submarine, which was a very large one, came to the surface and circled around the Vacuum several times with the greatest ease. The mountainous seas appeared to present no terrors to that submarine."

Joseph Simpson, second engineer of the Vacuum, in an affidavit to the American Consul, said that presumably three Chilean firemen went down with the ship—that they either were killed by the explosion or were caught in the wreckage.

Gunner Wilson said he was beside his gun at the stern when the torpedo struck nearly beneath him, throwing him into the water, from which he was picked up by a boat. "I saw the torpedo coming," said Wilson, "and yelled, 'Here she comes!' Then I tried to turn the gun in the direction of the track of the torpedo, but before this could be done we had been hit. The Vacuum settled so rapidly that the men could not use the gun. The submarine flew no colors and had no markings."

Five Gunners Saved. The safety of Captain Harris, five gunners and the third mate and boat-swain, all of whom had been given up for lost, was made known by the captain himself in a telegram received today by the American Consul, H. L. Washington.

This telegram reduces the loss of life to 23, about 13 of this number being Americans. The ship was carrying 36, the number of gunners saved. It also places the loss from the crew at 18 and the saved at 18.

The captain's meager telegram gave the first definite news of the loss of Lieutenant Thomas, U. S. N., and the death from exposure of E. H. Loree, Leslie Hatton, the wireless operator, of Niagara, Wis., who from the wireless but saw the wake of a torpedo and the periscope of a submarine, said the explosion was so terrific that it blew a hole right up through the ship abaft the engine-room and put the wireless signaling out of commission.

One Dies From Exposure. Captain Harris reported that Frank S. H. Loree died of exposure after being landed, and that Leslie Hatton, A. Donald, Charles J. Fischer and Charles F. Luckham were lost.

The following naval gunners have been saved: James E. Williams, John Williams, George W. Parker, Oswald H. Luck, Henry J. Musaborn, Jr.

Loree, Donald, Fischer and Luckham were members of the United States Naval guard on the Vacuum.

GRASS VALLEY, Cal., May 2.—Lieutenant Clarence G. Thomas, 21, reported lost in the sinking of the oil steamer Vacuum, was the son of the late J. N. Thomas, a banker here. He was 32 years old and was appointed to Annapolis in 1908.

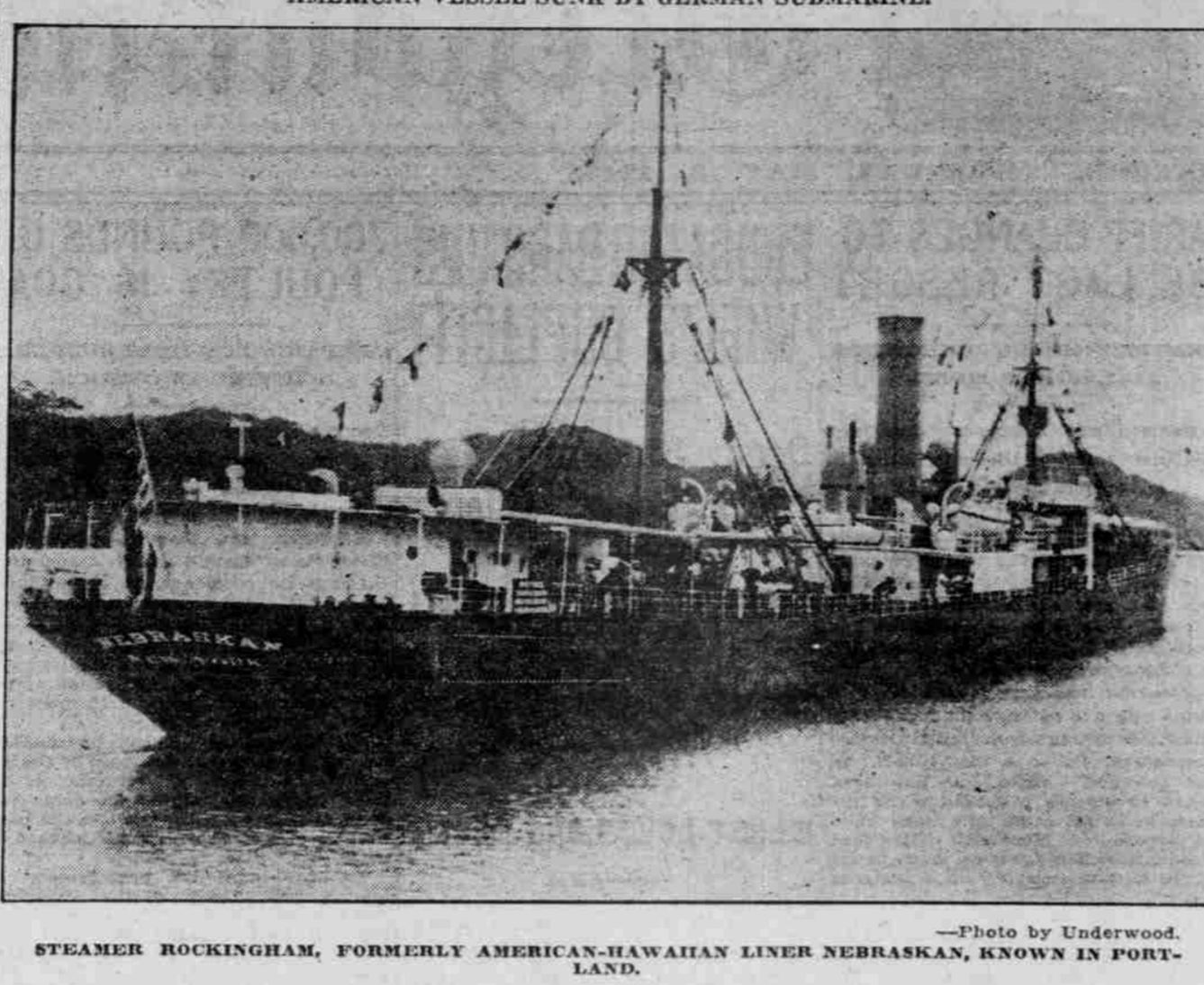
British Author Dead. LONDON, May 2.—Henry Benjamin Wheatley, a well-known British author, died Monday. He was born in 1838.



Fabric, workmanship and personality conspire to make our clothes much desired by particular men.

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AMERICAN VESSEL SUNK BY GERMAN SUBMARINE.



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MISSIONS LAY PLANS

Important Conferences Held With American Officials.

FRENCH TO LEAVE TODAY

Middle-West and East to Be Visited—British Put No Credence in Peace Talk—Military Arrangements Secret.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—On the eve of their departure on a tour of Middle-Western and Eastern states, French war commissioners today held further important conferences with representatives of the United States Government.

Members of the French naval and military sections met with representatives of Great Britain during the day and there were talks with various American officials. Information regarding the dispatch of an expeditionary force to France, Colonel Spencer Cosby, of the United States Army, acted as interpreter.

Reports of fresh peace offers from Berlin brought forth the statement from the mission today that a series of feelers were expected during the next few months as an immense amount of quiet peace efforts have been under way by Teutonic emissaries, but no credence is being placed in their acceptability.

Germany was stated to have made advances proposing surrendering her conquests in the East and West on condition of retaining her Balkan way to Bagdad and Mesopotamia, but the allies have been united against that plan than against any other proposal.

Vice-Admiral Cocheprat, representing the Ministry of Marine in the French Mission here, issued a statement today which in part follows:

"The United States is in possession of the most powerful fleet in the world next to the British, and this is bound to weigh heavily in hastening the day when final victory will be wrung from the foe."

ROME, May 2.—An official announcement says that the special mission to America will be composed of Prince Udine, eldest son of the Duke of Genoa; Senator Marconi, Marquis Borsarelli, under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, and Ambrogio Ciuffelli and Nitti, both ex-Ministers.

CONGRESS TO HEAR BALFOUR

Privilege Never Before Accorded to Any British Official.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Foreign Secretary Balfour, head of the British war mission, will appear before both houses of Congress Saturday, a privilege never before accorded a British official.

It is understood he will make a brief speech in each house, though the chief object of his visit will be to pay a call of courtesy, meet the members and to extend the greetings of the British Parliament.

Discussions between British and American officials are said now to have covered practically all the preliminary ground and to be waiting on additional information from England.

The South American trade situation has received almost no attention as yet, for the British have regarded it as a question to be left largely to the United States, because of this country's superior interests and better facilities for dealing sympathetically with that field.

WIDE DISASTER THREATENS

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paln exposed the country. Before it planned wooden ships the Board was told steel yards could not produce further iron, according to the report received here today by the towboat company.

COLUMBIA "The Theater Beautiful" Sixth Street, Off Washington

3 More Days Owing to Popular Demand The "Columbia" will continue Wm. S. Hart in "The Desert Man" throughout the week, with a change of programme next Sunday.

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W.M.S. HART IN THE DESERT MAN Your last opportunity to see this world-famous actor at popular prices.

ALSO THE 2-REEL KEYSTONE COMEDY HER NATURE DANCE Light, Pleasing and Entertaining. Doors open 10:30 A. M., Continuous. Admission, 15c; children, 5c.

LOS ANGELES HAS PRIMARY

Mayor Woodman Re-elected by Majority of 1000 Over 3 Opponents.

LOS ANGELES, May 2.—Mayor Frederick T. Woodman was re-elected at the municipal primary yesterday by a majority of about 1000 votes over the total received by his three opponents, according to figures compiled late today by the City Clerk.

COAST ROAD SURVEY ASKED

Senator Jones Would See Work on Route From Canada to Mexico.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 2.—Senator Jones, of Washington, today introduced a joint resolution directing the Secretary of War to make a survey of a military road along the Pacific Coast from Canada to Mexico, and to submit an estimate of cost. The expense of the survey would be defrayed out of military appropriations now available.

FREIGHT RATE CUT ASKED

Helper, Utah, Coal Mine Operators Charge Discrimination.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Coal operators of the Helper, Utah, mining district, one of the chief sources of production in the West, today petitioned the Interstate Commerce Commission for a reduction in freight rates on coal from their mines to Oregon, Washington, Montana, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas and Nebraska.

FARM WANTED

Practical farmer wants to lease on shares for a term of years a good farm suitable for diversified farming.

Present rates, they charged, discriminate against the Utah operators and other operators in New Mexico and Wyoming.

Cassie is a perfume much used in sachet powders and is obtained from the flowers of Cassia ferruginea, a large shrubby species always vigorous in California and running wild in Texas (as most things do).

This Diagram shows the actual number of sets sold and unsold of the new Encyclopaedia Britannica printed on genuine India paper, up to April 25th last. When the last set is sold, your opportunity to obtain the Britannica printed on genuine India paper will be gone forever. GILL'S THIRD AND ALDER Watch this space grow smaller weekly