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AMERICAN VICTIM OF SUBMARINE

Dutch Steamer Batavier Blown Up in North Sea—Four Drowned, Including Prominent Resident of New Mexico—Two Other Americans Aboard Saved—Ship Hit by Torpedo and Sunk Within Twenty Minutes—Victim Could Not Swim, But Had Life Belt.

LONDON, May 17.—A dispatch to Lloyd's from Great Yarmouth says the Dutch steamer Batavier V., 1500 tons, has been blown up in the North Sea. Four members of the crew were lost, the remainder landed at Great Yarmouth. The Batavier V. was on her way to London from Rotterdam.

American Drowned.
LONDON, May 17.—The American embassy was informed today that Luigi Martini Mancini, an American citizen, was drowned when the steamship Batavier V. was blown up. Two other American citizens, who were on board the steamship, were saved. Mancini, a wireless expert, was from Roswell, N. M.

Samuel Howard Comstock of Santa Monica, Cal., who was on the Batavier V. gave the following account of his experiences:
"I was in the saloon talking when a terrific explosion occurred. My hat was smashed against the ceiling of the saloon. I think the vessel must have been blown up by a mine as the explosion apparently was directly underneath the ship.
"The aft hatch was blown off and much of the cargo was hurled into the air.

Story of Disaster.
"Within three minutes the ship's decks were awash. I had a lifebelt, but being a good swimmer I gave it to my fellow American, Mancini, who could not swim. I kicked off my shoes, dived and swam to a boat which had been launched. A seaman, a stewardess and an injured officer of the ship into a boat. I was so busy that I did not see what happened to Mancini.
"The ship sank in twenty minutes. We were picked up by a trawler and arrived at Yarmouth."
Another American who was on the Batavier V. was John Joseph Kaleta of Brooklyn, N. Y. He was rescued and landed at Yarmouth.

Mancini was a major of the National Guard of New Mexico and a deputy sheriff of Cleaves county, New Mexico.

ROSWELL, N. M., May 17.—Luigi Martini Mancini, who was drowned when the steamer Batavier V. was sunk, for many years was an instructor at the New Mexico Military Institute here. He went to London and Naples in 1912 in the employ of the Marconi Wireless Telegraph company. He was the youngest son of a titled Italian family and was naturalized here.

AMERICANS ABOARD TORPEDOED STEAMER

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The American consul at La Rochelle, reported to the state department today that three American citizens were aboard the Canadian steamship Eretia, which was sunk on Friday, presumably by a mine. A dispatch from Consul General Skinner at London yesterday said that Lloyd's reports declared the steamer had been torpedoed. Both dispatches agreed that the crew was uninjured.

2000 STRAWBERRY PICKERS WANTED AT HOOD RIVER

PORTLAND, Ore., May 17.—An order for 2000 strawberry pickers was received today by the Portland public employment bureau from Hood River. This is said to be the largest single order for laborers ever placed in Oregon. The federal government employment bureau will cooperate with the city bureau in supplying the berry pickers.

U. S. CAVALRY CAPTURES BIG BAND RAIDERS

Major Langhorne and Two Troops of Cavalry Reported to Have Surrounded Mexicans, Killing Six and Capturing Seventy-five—Kidnaped Men Rescued From Raiders.

MARATHON, Tex., May 17.—A truck driver arriving here today from Boquilla said that Major Langhorne and two troops of cavalry had surrounded the Big Bend bandit raiders about 125 miles from the border, killing six and capturing seventy-five. Army officers here have made no announcement regarding such an engagement.

In view of previous reports from Major Langhorne that he expected soon to catch up with the bandits, the authorities were inclined to place credence in the report.

Kidnaped Men Rescued.
Previous to overtaking the Mexicans, Major Langhorne's detachment had rescued J. Deemer, the kidnaped forekeeper, a negro, Monroe Payne and a Mexican employed by Mr. Deemer as a clerk.

The cavalry horses and equipment captured by the bandits in their raid on Glenn Springs two weeks ago were recovered, it is reported.

A Mexican guide took the American troops to the spot where the bandits were encountered, the truck driver said.

According to the truck driver's report, the bandits were surprised and did not put up a fight. The Americans resumed firing at once.

The seventy-five captured, it was said, were to be brought here for trial.

Report Confirmed.
SAN ANTONIO, Tex., May 17.—The rescue by the American soldiers of J. Deemer and the negro cook, Monroe Payne, carried off as prisoners by the bandits that raided Glenn Springs and Boquilla, was reported to General Foxton today.

The report came from Colonel Frederick Sibley, who received his information from Major Langhorne, now about 100 miles south of the border. A detachment of Major Langhorne's force found the Americans at El Pino, ninety miles south of Boquilla, yesterday morning. The Americans had been left there by their captives in charge of the residents. None but the unarmed inhabitants of the town were there when the American soldiers arrived, and no resistance was made.

Major Langhorne reported to Colonel Sibley that he was pushing forward and hoped to overtake the bandits during the day. He added that no federal troops had been encountered and that the attitude of the residents in the territory through which he had passed appeared friendly.

A scarcity of forage was reported and Colonel Sibley said he was preparing to send forward as rapidly as possible hay and grain for the horses and mules. Colonel Sibley was about forty miles south of the border.

NEW TRIAL FOR CAPLAN JUNE 15

LOS ANGELES, May 17.—David Caplan, whose prosecution for murder in the Los Angeles Times explosion case resulted in a mistrial yesterday, was completing today his fifteenth month in custody.
The case was put on the calendar for June 15 immediately after the jury was discharged by Judge Frank White in the superior court and an announcement was made that it would be set for speedy trial at that time. The defense had asked that the second trial would never be called.
The discharge of the jury yesterday followed seventy-six hours of deliberation with the jurors voting steadily seven to five. The seven were for conviction, according to the court officials.
Thomas Lee Wootsine, district attorney, termed the disagreement "a grave and serious miscarriage of justice."

MEXICAN SOLDIERS AND FAMILIES MAKE HOMES ON CAR TOPS!



This picture shows how the Mexican soldier and his family lives. It was taken near San Antonio, Mex., while Carranza troops were waiting for a clear track.

FRENCH REPULSE GERMAN ATTACK DEAD MAN HILL

PARIS, May 17.—German troops made an attack with grenades last night on French positions near Dead Man Hill. The effort failed, today's official French report says.

East of the Meuse, along the Verdun front, there was continuous cannonading on both sides, principally at Hindemont wood and Vaux Pond. French aeroplanes made several raids during the night. Bombs were thrown on the German camp at Danvillers and on the railway stations at Metz, Fresail and Hriculles.

The text of the statement says:
"Artillery duels occurred at various points along the front, notably in the Champagne region, at Batte du Meuhl.
"In the Argonne, at La Fille More, mine fighting continued to our advantage.
"On the left bank of the Meuse, after a bombardment of our first line, an attempt of the enemy to advance in a hand grenade attack on Dead Man Hill was completely checked. On the right bank there was great artillery activity on both sides in the region between Hindemont and Vaux Pond. Northwest of Thiamont farm a hand grenade attack upon one of our listening posts was repulsed."

NAVAL BATTLE OFF BELGIAN COAST

LONDON, May 17.—A naval engagement occurred yesterday off the Belgian coast between small German and British warships. There were no British casualties.

Official announcement of the fight was made as follows:
"An encounter took place yesterday afternoon off the Belgian coast between a force composed of British destroyers and monitors and some German destroyers.
"After a short engagement the enemy withdrew to their base. Our force sustained no casualties."

DAY IN CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Senate took up army reorganization conference report.
Senator Cavenue carried previous bill was favorably reported from the elections committee.
Rivers and Harbord appropriated \$10,000,000.
Hogg.
Food control bill under consideration.

SENATE PASSES COMPROMISE BILL FOR LARGER ARMY

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The senate after an all-day debate, agreed tonight to the conference report on the army reorganization bill without a roll call. The house is expected to approve the report within a day or two and send the first of the big national defense measures to the president.

WILSON REPLIES TO POPE'S MESSAGE HOPING FOR PEACE

WASHINGTON, May 17.—President Wilson has replied to the message sent him recently by Pope Benedict, in which the pope expressed the earnest hope that war between the United States and Germany would not be precipitated by the submarine issue and conveyed the impression that he hoped the United States might be of assistance ultimately in restoring peace in Europe. The reply of the president was conveyed through Monsignor Bonzano, the apostolic delegate here, who delivered the pope's message to the White House.

White House officials refused to discuss the pope's message or the reply of the president, but in other quarters it was indicated this exchange of messages had only remotely to do with the question of peace in Europe.
"The president is understood to have informed the pope that he was very eager to keep the United States out of the war and would do everything possible consistent with maintaining the honor and rights of the United States."
Neither message will be made public.

GERMANS REPEL FRENCH ATTACK

BERLIN, May 17.—According to the Associated Press news sent to neutral powers regarding the attack of the Austrian steamer Eretia, and other Austrian vessels, the latter were repulsed by the British through high intensity searchlights.

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On both banks of the Meuse, artillery activity on each side increased at times to great intensity. An attack made by the French against the southern slope of Hill 204 failed under our mortar fire.
"The activities of both sides showed great activity. First Lieutenant Leiman brought down his first enemy aeroplane east of Hous. The occupants were captured, injured, and killed.
"A second aeroplane was shot down west of Hous. The occupants were captured and injured.
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CASEMENT TO STAND TRIAL FOR HIGH TREASON

Irish Leader and Daniel J. Bailey Are Committed for Trial Today—Bailey Attempted to Give Information to Police Regarding Uprising in Return for Protection.

LONDON, May 17.—Sir Roger Casement and Daniel J. Bailey were committed for trial today for high treason.

When the case was reopened today Constable Carter of the Royal Irish Constabulary, was recalled for cross-examination at the request of the defense. The trend of the questions indicated that at the time of his arrest Bailey attempted unsuccessfully to give information to the police in regard to the projected uprising.

Carter was asked whether he had heard Bailey say after his arrest that he had a statement for the authorities and that an officer should be sent for. The constable responded that he did not hear this, but that at any rate he had important information which will give you police something to do.

Promised Protection.
When the court was reopened after luncheon it was disclosed that Bailey had made a statement to the police under a guarantee that he would receive "protection. Sergeant Brewster of the Royal Irish Constabulary, who was in charge of the Arden barracks when Bailey was brought in after his arrest, said he asked the prisoner for the address of some German to whom he could communicate the news of Bailey's arrest.
"Bailey said: 'I came over from America under false colors. I joined a society there, but do not want any one to know who I am.'
"When told he would be detained until after the war, Bailey asked whether he would be allowed to go free if he told the truth. The sergeant said he could not promise him that, but would guarantee him protection. Subsequently Bailey asked that District Inspector Bricker be sent for immediately, insisting that the next day would be too late. This was on April 23. After receiving a guarantee of protection Bailey told the inspector about the lost which he said was to land arms the next day.

PUBLIC KITCHENS PROVE FAILURE IN BERLIN SUBURB

LONDON, May 17.—An experiment by the municipality of Charlottenburg, a suburb of Berlin, in feeding inhabitants for public kitchens resulted in failure on account of the lack of thousands of pounds for food, Reuters' Amsterdam, correspondent telegraphs.

AUSTRIAN VESSEL SUNK BY ALLIES WITHOUT NOTICE

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MYSTERY VEILS DOUBLE CRIME NEAR PORTLAND

Mrs. Helen Jennings Killed While Asleep With Blow From Sledge Hammer—Auto Driver Missing and Evidently Also Slain—Ex-Convict, Formerly Employed, Sought.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 17.—A lap-robe on which were scattered the brains of a human being, believed to be those of Fred Ristman, a Portland chauffeur, was found by posses today near the home of Mrs. Helen Jennings. The latter was found dead in bed at her home near Tualatin last night. Although convinced that a double murder was committed, three posses that are searching the vicinity had not been able up to noon to locate Ristman's body.

Searchers also found Ristman's hat, battered and blood covered, and strips of his shirt, indicating that he had put up a struggle before being killed.

Killed by Sledge.
Mrs. Jennings' skull had been crushed in with a blow of a sledge hammer, which was found beside the bed in which she lay. Apparently she had been killed while asleep. It is believed that Ristman was killed with a similar instrument.

Officers of Multnomah and Washington counties today were bending every effort to locate the man who employed Ristman late Monday to drive him to the scene of the tragedy.

Bennet Thompson, an ex-convict, who hauled wood from Mrs. Jennings' farm during the winter, is being sought. Near the scene of the murder searchers found today a campaign card which a deputy sheriff identified by markings on the back as one which he said he had given Thompson last Monday. The card was covered with blood.

Unknown Man Sought.
The discovery of Ristman's blood-spattered automobile late yesterday near Mrs. Jennings' house led to the finding of the woman's body.
Late Monday an unknown man engaged Ristman to drive him from Portland to Sherwood, which is near Mrs. Jennings' farm. He said he was a well driller and carried a bundle of tools, in which is supposed to have been the sledge hammer that was used to kill Mrs. Jennings. Ristman has a wife living in Portland.
The police believe that Ristman's body was hidden in the brush and a thorough search was started today. Bennett Thompson, an ex-convict, known as "The Lone Highwayman," is being sought as the possible slayer. It is known that Mrs. Jennings had rejected his attentions.

ORPET TO TESTIFY IN OWN BEHALF

WATERGATE, Ill., May 17.—Selection of a jury in the trial of Will Orpet, former University of Wisconsin student, charged with the murder of Martin Lambert, Lake Forest high school boy, continued today. Three tentative jurors have been selected from the first venire of 125 and a new venire was called today.

The most important developments in the case since it went to trial occurred yesterday, when Orpet's attorneys announced their client would testify in his own behalf. Orpet was the only witness to the death of the girl, all other evidence being considered circumstantial. His story is considered as of the greatest importance to the defense.
Stable Attorney R. M. Daily announced yesterday that Miss Celeste Yorker, the behav. Ill. school teacher in whom Orpet said he was smitten, will appear as a state witness.

COMMITTEE TO VOTE ON BRANDEIS WEDNESDAY

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The nomination of Louis D. Brandeis to the supreme court will be acted upon by the senate Judiciary Committee next Wednesday. By unanimous consent the committee decided today to vote at that time.