

AMERICAN ABOARD SUNKEN SHIP KILLED

FIREMAN ON TURINO SLAIN BY U-BOAT

British Steamer From Norfolk Sub-
marined and One of Three Firemen,
Negro Named George Washington,
Killed—May Be Overt Act—U-
Boat Campaign Continues Ruth-
lessly—Many More Vessels Sunk
Without Warning.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—An American
negro fireman, George Washington,
was killed, according to a report
received today by the American em-
bassy, when the British steamship
Turino was sunk by a submarine.
One of the survivors is Calvin Day,
an American citizen of Fillmore,
Utah.
Washington was one of three fire-
men who were killed. According to
the information received by the em-
bassy, his wife is now in Liverpool.
An effort is being made by the em-
bassy to find her.
The Turino was a vessel of 2,702
tons net. She sailed from Norfolk
January 19, for Liverpool.

President Notified.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Presi-
dent Wilson was in the executive of-
fices when the news of the subma-
rine attack on the Turino with the
killing of an American negro was
communicated to him. He immedi-
ately issued instructions that all
the facts be gathered as promptly as
possible.
Immediately after receipt of the
word of the sinking of the Turino,
President Wilson went to the state,
war and navy building.
After spending fifteen minutes
with Secretary Daniels, it was
said that he had planned to make the
visit before receipt of the word of
the killing of Washington.

Rate of Destruction.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Lloyd's
report for the third day of Germany's
new submarine campaign shows that
the unseaworthy boats are maintaining
the average of destruction set by the
Berlin naval experts as necessary to
success. The third day's reported
losses totalled 27,895 tons and the
preceding two days totalled 56,600.
At such a rate the destruction of
one million tons a month, which is
the German aim, would seem about
to be accomplished. German naval
experts contend that such an average
would cut England off from the world
and end the war by her starvation.
It is realized here, however, that
the British government is not lack-
ing in measures to keep the sea lanes
open and that these will become ap-
parent as the campaign progresses.
It is pointed out that while the world
knows of the losses of merchant ships
it knows little if anything at all,
about the losses of the submarine
flotillas.

More Vessels Sunk.
PARIS, Feb. 8.—Six men of the
crew of the British vessel Daunt-
less were picked up after she was
torpedoed by a German submarine,
the Havas agency announced today.
Two members of the crew were
killed and the captain seriously
wounded.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—The sinking of
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INAUGURAL TO BE PATRIOTIC EVENT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Formal
announcement was made today that
in spite of the foreign situation the
public inauguration ceremonies on
March 5 will be held as planned. It
was stated that it will be made im-
pressive "in order to afford an op-
portunity for a perfectly spontane-
ous exhibition of the patriotic feel-
ing of the country."

LINER SANK IN NINE MINUTES AFTER BEING HIT

Steamer California Not Warned—
Nearly Fifty Passengers and Crew
Missing—No Panic Aboard, All
Acting Courageously—U-Boat Not
Seen—Injured Are Doing Well.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—The Central
News says the California sank nine
minutes after she was torpedoed.
According to the Exchange Tele-
graph company, nearly fifty passen-
gers or members of the crew are re-
ported missing. The Central News
says twenty-eight of the missing are
members of the crew. The purser is
reported to have been killed.
The Central News says the Cali-
fornia's lifeboats on the port side
were launched and that some of the
passengers and crew were able to get
away on them. A few who fell into
the water were rescued. There was
no panic and although a number of
passengers were injured, all acted in
a calm and courageous manner. Af-
ter being in the boats a short time
they were picked up by a steamship
and landed last evening. The purser's
body was brought to land.

U-Boat Not Seen
The California was armed for de-
fense, but did not have an opportu-
nity to use her guns, as no submarine
was seen.
There were pathetic scenes at the
quay side where the survivors were
landed. Many were only semicon-
scious from such severe weather. Nurses
and doctors were waiting to care for
the injured, who were removed to hos-
pitals.
According to information obtained
from the survivors, the Press associa-
tion says twenty-eight members of
the California's crew and nineteen
passengers are missing. Four per-
sons were killed and about twenty
injured by the explosion, the associa-
tion reports.

Injured Doing Well.
The injured among the California's
passengers and crew are all doing
well. The Anchor line has arranged
for sending home the survivors, all
of whom have been provided with
clothing. Several of them landed
with no covering except blankets.
Three women and two children are
reported to have been among those
lost on the California. Surgeon Al-
gor and Assistant Purser Eadie also
were lost.
Alfred Knox, a cabin passenger on
the California, said that for an in-
stant the vessel seemed to be virtu-
ally lifted out of the water, but that
she soon began to settle by the stern.
The captain had taken the precaution
of assigning all passengers to particu-
lar lifeboats.
Mr. Knox went below to distribute
life belts among the passengers. When
he returned to the deck the stern was
almost awash. He climbed into a
boat which picked up several persons
who had fallen into the water. Three
or four bodies were floating about.
The explosion, he said, must have
killed several persons in the after
part of the vessel.

Wireless Brought Aid.
A particularly sad case was that of
Mrs. Little, who with four children
was traveling to Scotland. She and
one of the children were lost. The
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PORTLAND CLERK SKIPS WITH \$8000

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 8.—A war-
rant was issued here today for the
arrest of Homer Ford, a bookkeeper
employed by the Peninsula Lumber
Co. of Portland, who is charged with
forgery. The district attorney's of-
fice says he appropriated between
\$3500 and \$8000 of the firm's money
and left Portland Saturday. The po-
lice declare they believe he has gone
to Canada.
Officials of the company say the
firm may reach \$10,000.

Holland and Spain Decline to Break With Germany

NEUTRALITY TO BE PRESERVED BUT SUBMARINE WAR PROTESTED

Netherlands Formally Declines to Ac-
cept President's Suggestion—
Spain Also Refuses to Break Dip-
lomatic Relations With Germany.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The
Netherlands government through the
American legation at The Hague
has formally declined to accept
President Wilson's suggestion that
it follow the course of the United
States and break off diplomatic
relations with Germany. Informa-
tion to this effect reached here to-
day in confidential dispatches from
Holland.
It also said in the dispatches that
the Netherlands government has
made a protest against unrestricted
submarine warfare and that at the
same time negotiations had been
opened with Great Britain for the
reduction of its mine fields. The
Dutch government plans to have the
British field and the German danger
zone, which now overlap each other,
so contracted as to make a clear path
through which its ships may pass.

Spain Follows Suit.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Spain's
note, which it is understood, formally
declines to accept President Wil-
son's suggestion that she break off
diplomatic relations with Germany,
was received today at the state de-
partment, but was not made public.
Spain, it is understood, protests
vigorously against the new submarine
order as a violation of international
law and invasion of neutral interests.
Having taken over American inter-
ests in Germany and being the
best equipped diplomatically of the
remaining neutrals, Spain is anxious
to keep open communication with
Berlin as the best channel for nego-
tiation between the central empires
and the entente.

No Passage Safe.
Spain made an arrangement some
time ago with Germany for the safe
passage of enough of her merchant
vessels to prevent a commercial panic
within the country, but Germany has
withdrawn that arrangement with the
understanding that ships now bound
for England shall return at their own
peril.
Spain is entirely dependent on
Spanish vessels instead of other neu-
tral vessels and has demanded ex-
emption on the ground that she has
never carried munitions of war.

FIEND RAVISHES, KILLS YOUNG GIRL

ORD, Neb., Feb. 8.—Alice Har-
kon, thirteen year old daughter of a
farmer, was last night ravished and
strangled to death in her home, five
miles north of Ord. The murderer
secured a ladder, placed it to her
window and thus gained entrance.
The seven-year-old sister was asleep
in the same bed and was not awak-
ened. The crime was discovered when
the parents, below, heard a fall and
investigated. The girl was dead and
her sayer had disappeared.
Tracks of a stolen automobile led
to the place.
**AMERICAN STEAMER OFF
FOR ROUEN, FRANCE**
PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 8.—After
delaying her departure several days,
the American tank steamer Gold
Shell passed out to sea today with a
cargo of petroleum for Rouen,
France. The tanker, which is owned
by the Shell company of California,
carries a crew of forty-seven, of
whom eighteen are American citizens.



QUEEN WILHELMINA, OF HOLLAND.

BOLIVIA TO BREAK WITH GERMANY

LONDON, Feb. 8.—The Bolivian
minister of foreign affairs, says a
Reuter's dispatch from La Paz today,
has announced that Bolivia has de-
cided completely to support the atti-
tude of the United States in the
crisis with Germany.

RIO JANEIRO, BRAZIL, Feb. 8.—

It is reported on good authority that
Peru and Chile will address protests
to Germany in regard to the German
measures of naval warfare.

FRENCH CAPTURE GERMAN PATROL, VERDUN SECTION

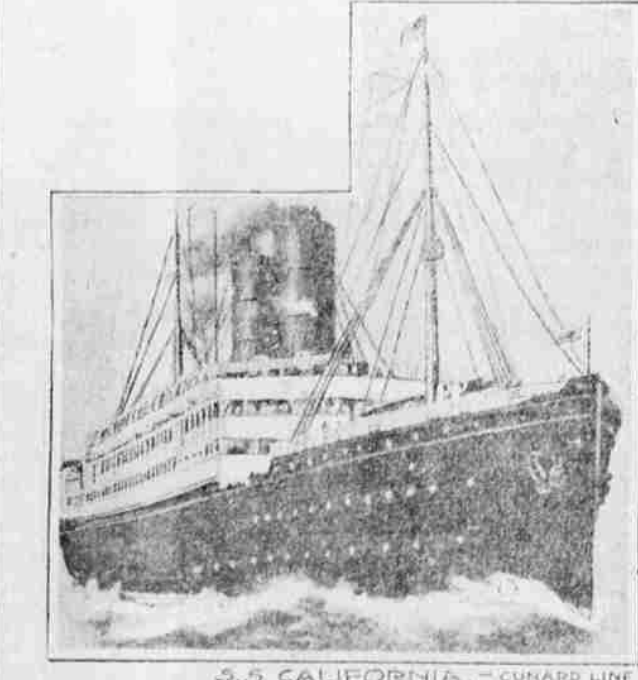
PARIS, Feb. 8.—A German patrol
was captured last night by the French
near Bonzees, in the Verdun sector, to-
day's official communication says.
Patrol encounters occurred during the
night in other parts of the front.

M'CUMBER ASKS FOR INFORMATION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Senator
McCumber, republican of North Da-
kota, introduced a resolution today
to have the secretary of state, if
compatible with public interest, sub-
mit to the senate the government's
view of the limitations on the use of
submarines demanded by the govern-
ment from Germany as set forth in
the diplomatic correspondence.
"I think it is not clear just what
we hold the limitations of submarine
to be in this war," said he. "As it
was on this subject that we severed
relations with Germany, we ought to
know as accurately as possible just
what the government deems to be an
infringement of international law to
the end that we may avoid a conflict,
if possible, and that other nations
may be put on their guard as to what
we believe to be a gross abuse of
these sub-sea craft."
The resolution was not discussed,
but may be called up tomorrow.

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 8.—

Argentina's reply to the German note on
submarine warfare declares that she
will conform her conduct to the prin-
ciples and fundamental rules of in-
ternational law.



S.S. CALIFORNIA.—CUNARD LINE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The latest report on the destruction of the
California, received this morning at the state department from Consul
Frost at Queenstown puts the number of survivors at 162 and the missing
at 41. It says the ship apparently was torpedoed about ten o'clock
Wednesday morning without warning.

GERARD HELD AS HOSTAGE FOR VON BERNSTORFF

Germany Refuses to Let Americans
Depart Until Assurances Received
as to Safe Departure of German
Envoys From America—American
Prisoners on Yarrowdale Also Held.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Notice
that Great Britain also has granted
safe passage for Count Von Bern-
storff and his staff was received later
at the state department.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Ambas-
sador Gerard, American consuls and
the American sailors brought in on
the prize ship Yarrowdale, are being
held in Germany until assurances
have been received from here as to
the safe departure of Count Von
Bernstorff and the German consuls
and the safety of German warbound
ships in this country. Ambassador
Gerard is still at Berlin and not at
Bern, Switzerland, as was reported
yesterday.

It was said at the state department
today that sensational reports have
become current in Germany that the
German ships here have been cap-
sized and their crews seized. Pend-
ing confirmation, Germany has de-
tained the Americans.
Due to misunderstanding, officials
here are inclined to minimize the
importance of the detention be-
cause they believe it largely has
arisen from a misunderstanding and
soon will be straightened out.

Probably 150 Americans are af-
fected in the American embassy at
Berlin and the twenty-two consul-
ates in Germany, the four in Bel-
gium and the one at Warsaw.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Dispatches
that Germany is holding Mr. Gerard
and all Americans in Germany as
hostages for the safe return of Count
Von Bernstorff and a large number
of Germans, eclipsed all other news
in the London evening papers today.
Talk in the streets soon became
focused on possible resultant develop-
ments.

Grant Safe Conduct.
The general opinion here was that
there probably would be no insuper-
able objections on the part of the
allies to the granting of a safe con-
duct to Count Von Bernstorff, but
that it was unlikely any such safe
conduct would be extended to a con-
siderable number of Germans wheth-
er officials or civilians.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 8.—Not a
single American has arrived in
Copenhagen from Berlin since the
breaking of diplomatic relations be-
tween Germany and the United
States.

Reginald Foster, agent in Germany
of the Rockefeller fund, was expected
to arrive here Monday night, having
reserved accommodations here by
telegram. He had not reached
Copenhagen late last night and no
further word has been received from
him.

BOMB EXPLODES AT DUTHSTOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Feb. 8.—The Amster-
dam Handelsblad today announces
that a powerful bomb exploded on
the steps of the stock exchange there
at 11 o'clock last night. No damage
was done and no casualties resulted,
the newspaper reports.

SENATE PASSES BILL CLOSING WILLAMETTE

SALEM, Or., Feb. 8.—The state
senate today passed a bill which
would practically close the Willam-
ette river to commercial fishing. By
the bill, seine, traps and wheels are
banned from O-ween in Willamette
Falls, near Portland.

NO OVERT ACT YET COMMITTED BY GERMANY

Destruction of California Not to Lead
to War, But Tension Growing
Tighter and Break May Come at
Any Moment—Campaign of Ruth-
lessness Now in Full Sway.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—On the
basis of reports received on the de-
struction of the California and other
ships so far, it is stated authorita-
tively that none of the cases consti-
tutes the overt act which will lead to
war with Germany. Officials openly
express the belief, however, that the
overt act is merely a question of
time.

While regarding the destruction of
the California as plain evidence that
Germany has fully abandoned its
pledge to the United States, it was
stated that the government will not
be hurried into war until there is
undisputed evidence of violation of
American rights or loss of American
lives in violation of international
law.

Campaign of Ruthlessness.
All hope, if any ever existed, that
Germany might modify her campaign
of ruthlessness has vanished and
there is no doubt here that it will be
only a matter of hours or days before
an American ship is sunk or Ameri-
can lives are sacrificed.
The only effect, so far, of the de-
struction of the California, has been
to quicken the preparation the gov-
ernment is making for the expected
eventuality.

The breach between the United
States and Germany is growing wider
hourly and hope that hostilities can
be avoided has been almost swept
away.
Germany's submarine campaign of
ruthlessness is developing with a fury
which many officials here believe
soon must confirm the worst fear
that has been held for it and produce
the overt act which President Wilson
has said will be the signal for war.

California Case.
Consul Frost's report that the An-
chor line steamer California, with an
American aboard and rescued, had
been sunk in violation of international
law did not reach the capital last
night until after the president had
retired and it was the first thing to
come to his attention today.

Until all the facts are established
beyond question, the president is not
expected to indicate whether he con-
siders the California case presents an
issue demanding action. It was point-
ed out that so far as is known, no
American was lost on the California
and no American ships have been
sunk without warning since Germany
announced her new campaign.

American ship owners today had
official notice from the state depart-
ment that it could not advise them
whether their vessels should sail
through the war zone, but that in
general they still held the same right
to go anywhere on the seas they had
before issuance of the new German
submarine notice. In effect, they
were told they might arm their ships
for defensive purposes.

New Bill in Congress.
To give the president authority to
commandeer American merchant
vessels and other broad powers re-
lating to shipping in time of war or
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RUSSIANS CAPTURE CARPATHIAN TRENCH

PETROGRAD, Feb. 8.—Russian
detachments yesterday attacked the
Tentone positions near Kirlbaba in
the Carpathian mountains, says the
Russian official statement issued to-
day and despite artillery and rifle fire
and mine explosions, dashed through
the barbed wire entanglements and
occupied the German first line
trench. A German counter attack
was not successful in recapturing the
ground lost.