

HUGE TRANSPORT SINKS AT DOCK. NO LIVES LOST

Transport America, Former Hamburg-American Liner, Second Largest of Government Ships Mysteriously Sinks at Hoboken Dock Just Before Sailing—Soldiers and Crew Escape.

HOBOKEN, N. J., Oct. 15.—Shortly before the American troop transport America, formerly the German trans-Atlantic passenger steamship Amerika, was about to sail today for Europe with soldiers and supplies, the vessel foundered at her pier here.

In the early morning darkness, while the troops aboard were sleeping, the America settled with her keel in the mud, leaving only three of her eight decks together with parts of her funnels above water.

So far as was known up to noon, there was no loss of life. Earlier reports were that between 50 and 40 of the crew had perished after being trapped in the boiler room.

Sinking a Mystery
Troops were placed on guard outside the pier and details regarding the sinking were denied to inquirers. The cause of the accident remained a mystery even to navy department officials. A theory expressed in some quarters that water poured into the holds as a result of uncompleted repairs apparently did not conform with the fact that the ship was ready to weigh anchor today for a foreign port.

It was learned that a gang of machinists was at work at the time the vessel settled and it was suggested that one of these men inadvertently opened a sea cock under the impression that he was closing it.

Second Biggest Ship
The submerged America, next to the largest of the government transports, 22,265 tons, has a capacity of carrying 8000 troops, and a crew of 1200 men. It was said only 200 or 300 soldiers were on board at the time. All the coal had been placed in the bunkers except a small portion to have been loaded today.

The America sank in about 35 feet of water and the raising of the ship is not regarded as difficult.

Six weeks ago, it was learned today, an explosion of a steam pipe on the America cost the lives of two men, several others being injured. No fire or explosion accompanied today's mishap.

Coupled with reports of alleged explosion and defective ship fittings on the America were indications that arrests would be made for the day is over.

300 Soldiers Aboard
WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—Reports to the navy department on the sinking of the transport America at her dock at Hoboken, N. J., today said there were 300 soldiers on board in addition to members of the crew, and that all hands except three privates and two sailors have been accounted for. It was thought probable that the missing men were safe but had failed to report.

The transport is believed to have been sent down by water pouring into her ports, open for loading coal. She is resting on the bottom on an even keel and wreckers are preparing to raise her. A court of inquiry has been ordered.

INFLUENZA GERM TOO SMALL TO SEE

PARIS, Monday, Oct. 14.—Dr. Chas. Nicolle and his colleague, Dr. Leffally, who isolated the microbe causing Spanish influenza at the Pasteur Institute at Tunis, announced that the germ is too small to be visible with the microscope. It has been clearly identified, however, because by its use the malady has been reproduced in a monkey and a man.

Took Out Dreadful Soreness
When the kidneys are weakened or overworked so that they fail to filter and throw all impurities out of the blood, the poison remains in the system and backache, soreness, lameness and rheumatic pains are likely to develop. Mrs. David Houry, 65 S. Lincoln Ave., Washington, N. J., writes: "Foley Kidney Pills are doing me much good, both my kidneys and the rheumatism. They took all the dreadful soreness out of my limbs. For sale by Medford Pharmacy."

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WILSON'S REPLY TO HUNS PLEASES ALLIED NATIONS

Prevailing Spirit in Paris One of Jubilation—London Press Expresses Satisfaction Over Guarantees Asked and Censure of Wanton Destruction by Germans.

PARIS, Oct. 15.—President Wilson's reply to Germany was given to the public in extra editions of the afternoon newspapers published at noon today. It immediately became the absorbing topic of discussion in all public places. The tone of the sentiment was distinctly favorable to the reply, the prevailing spirit being one of jubilation.

LONDON, Oct. 15.—The text of President Wilson's reply to the German peace offer, received thru press channels, was placed in the hands of the members of the British government early this morning. The council met shortly after 11 o'clock to consider the president's response.

Reply Pleases England
LONDON, Oct. 15.—The German autoceacy must go is the heading placed over President Wilson's reply to the German peace note by the Liberal Star, which like most of the liberal newspapers considers this one of the first conditions of peace with the central powers.

A condition in the reply which is given great display by the newspapers is that which asks for guarantees for the maintenance of the present military supremacy of the allied armies.

Satisfaction also is expressed with President Wilson's reference to continued sinkings by German submarines and the "wanton destruction" in occupied territory, while his decision that the conditions of an armistice must be left to the military advisers of the entente appears to agree with the phrase so often quoted in newspapers during the last few days—"leave it to Foch."

MESSANGER BOY GIVES CITY A SCARE

Western Union Whillock, Western Union messenger boy, unwittingly gave the city a scare last night, and caused the fire department to run right out, wait around the corner of Main and Front streets, and run right back again. It all took place in a few seconds, but the blowing of the siren whistle, and never did it blow louder, caused people to hurry down town from all directions to see the fire.

The lad had a message to deliver to the night police. Not finding an officer about he opened the fire and police alarm box in front of the Commercial club building, intending to flash on the red light. Instead he pulled the wrong lever down, which summoned the fire department. Then the excitement began.

SEVEN MILE ADVANCE.

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with their teams were captured just as they were about to withdraw.

Aviators Play Part
"The British, Belgian and French aviators played a great part in the battle. They bombed enemy concentrations and trains and fired their machine guns on enemy infantry. British monitors also aided materially in the operation.

Raiding operations on several portions of the British front, notably near Sainghin-en-Weppe, southwest of Lille, are reported in the statement. Prisoners were taken by the British parties.

Resistance Broken
WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN BELGIUM, Monday, Oct. 14, 9 a. m.—(By Associated Press.) Enemy resistance in Flanders which at first appeared to be exceedingly heavy, is reported broken. After the British, French and Belgian advance today there were indications that the enemy was withdrawing the remainder of his troops from Belgium.

Reports were slow coming in, but most significant of all the features of the battle was the fact that the German coast batteries were not firing.
The enemy artillery reacted heavily south of Roulers after the allied attack was launched but north of the city this fire was very slight, indicating that the German guns had been withdrawn. The German rear guards were overcome and farther north the enemy resistance gradually grew lighter as the assault progressed. Among the prisoners was a complete regimental staff and a battalion commander.
Only a thin enemy barrage was encountered by the British during their attack. South of Lichtervelde the British have driven well to the west. They have passed their Roulers and are still advancing. They are also operating quite a distance east of the main Roulers road.

SOFT LIKELY TO SUCCEED MAX AS CHANCELLOR

Another Turn-over in German Ministry Likely—Letter Written Last Winter Shows Maximilian Reactionary in Political Attitude and Supporter of Royal Family.

LONDON, Oct. 14.—Dispatches from Holland report there is a probability of another turnover in the German chancellorship. The Berlin National Zeitung prints a report of a discussion by an inter-party committee, of the letter Prince Maximilian wrote to Prince Alexander of Hohenlohe, which showed a markedly different attitude in political affairs from that proposed in his Reichstag address.

The committee recognized the situation rendered Prince Maximilian's retention in office doubtful. Rumors in Berlin that Prince Maximilian's retirement is inevitable also are reported, in the National Zeitung.

Rotterdam reports to the Telegram that Prince Maximilian's probable successor will be Dr. W. S. Solf, the new foreign minister or Philipp Scheidemann, secretary of state without portfolio. The correspondent attributes this development to the "imminent abdication of the kaiser" which he says the kaiser wished to announce two months ago, but was dissuaded by the empress and others.

The text of the letter referred to above showed that Prince Maximilian was reactionary in his political attitude and that he was at that time, January 12, 1918, a firm supporter of the German royal family.

ALLIES CAPTURE PORT OF DURAZZO

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—Italian troops have occupied Durazzo, the Albanian port which British and Italian naval forces recently raided and destroyed the important Austrian naval base. A dispatch to the Italian embassy from Rome today announcing the occupation says the Italians, forcing their way thru enemy defenses on the hills of Palpama and Sasso Rosso, entered the city yesterday morning capturing prisoners and war material.

East of Durazzo, Italian columns, advancing from Elbassan Sunday, overcame stubborn resistance of enemy rear guards at Kraba pass and continued their march.

ROME, Oct. 15.—Italian forces in Albania after storming the Austro-Hungarian positions on the heights in front of Durazzo penetrated the city yesterday morning, taking prisoners and capturing war material, the Italian war office announced today.

LONDON, Oct. 15.—Serbian forces advancing north of Nish on Sunday captured on a large front all the heights which dominate both banks of the Morava river, says an official announcement today.

GERMANS PLANNING BIG U-BOAT EFFORT

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 15.—There is good reason to believe that the German submarine warfare will reach a climax during the winter, according to the Rhinish Westphalian Gazette which says that it will produce an economic crisis of unanticipated dimensions in entente countries.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—American shipbuilders were called upon by Secretary Daniels today to speed up their output of destroyers to meet the menace of the new and greater submarine effort which Germany is known to be planning.

The secretary began a series of conferences with representatives of the builders. Most of the plants are working now nearly to capacity, but arrangements will be made to lay down as many additional vessels as possible.

Secretary Daniels said successful trials of Ford No. 1 the new submarine.

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years ago and to exceed it in sea going qualities. Production now will proceed. The Ford plant building the Eagles will reach the peak of its

schedule early next year, said Mr. Daniels.
The condition of Miss Ruby Guches

who underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Sacred Heart hospital this morning, was reported this afternoon as favorable.



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