

Berlin Says Doubt Arabic Was Torpedoed
Government Making Investigations; Reports Are Slow

WAS THE ARABIC TORPEDOED OR SUNK BY MINES?

QUESTION NOW BEFORE OFFICIALS, SAYS BERLIN

German Officials in Berlin Express a Doubt Whether German Submarine Sank Liner Arabic—From Eight to Fourteen Days Will Elope Before Information Can Be Received—Mines Said to Be Floating Near England

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BERLIN, Aug. 23.—German officials here have expressed a doubt whether a German submarine sank the White Star liner Arabic last week, off the south coast of Ireland.

I have talked with a captain who is close to the American situation, and he said:

"It requires from eight to fourteen days before submarines which are away now can report. It is not certain that Germans sank the Arabic, and it is possible that the ship struck a mine. A Copenhagen paper says that mines are floating off the east and west coasts of England.

"It is hoped that America will not jump at conclusions until an investigation to determine the facts are made."

ENGLAND PUTS BAN ON COTTON

FRANCE IS TO FOLLOW SUIT, ACCORDING TO ANNOUNCEMENT FROM FOREIGN OFFICE—GROWERS TO BE PROTECTED

LONDON, Aug. 23.—Cotton has been declared absolute contraband by Great Britain, according to a statement issued by the foreign office.

The statement declares that the government proposes to initiate measures to relieve depression which might temporarily disturb the cotton market because of the contraband order.

The French government will issue a similar notice soon. The announcement follows:

"His majesty's government has declared cotton absolute contraband. Although the circumstances might have justified such action at an earlier period, his majesty's government is glad to think that local conditions of American interests likely to be affected are more favorable for such a step than they were a year ago, and moreover, his majesty's government contemplates initiation of measures to relieve as far as possible any abnormal depression which might temporarily disturb market conditions.

Will See the Queen Mrs. Henry Batina, accompanied by son Harry, left Sunday morning for San Francisco, where they will spend two weeks visiting the fair.

CHAMPIONSHIP IS CLAIMED OR WHY?

YREKA SUBMARINE GOES TO BOTTOM WHEN FLEET OF EWAUNA DROPS UNEXPECTEDLY. 14 HOLES IN OLD FRAME

Up until the fourth inning it was a beautiful game, both pitchers allowing but one hit apiece, one walk apiece, no scores and good support. A delight to a real fan. But right then and there, in said fourth frame, came one "Home Run" Palmer, he of Yreka fame before, with two down and three on bases, and cracked ye said pellet over the right garden wall, starting three Yreka pill-chasers to the bottom—yes, as the Lusitania, the Arabic and others suffered. No more to rise. The final checkmate was 14 to 0.

It was big league stuff, and only goes to prove that the Ewauna Box Factory team is the best all-round aggregation of ball players that have inhabited Southern Oregon or Northern California for this many moons. Palmer started it and Motele followed suit declining to pass such an opportunity to make himself famous. What could please the most rabid fan any more than to have two balls lifted over the fence in one inning, with three and two on the bags, after three innings of air-tight ball, and what promised to be four. And it was, what is commonly reputed to be the weak end of the batting list.

If Yreka, or any other of the burps in the "Big Bush" state have any claims against any so-called championship honors, let them now, in the words of Michigan Sam, either put up or shut up. The Ewaunas claim the title, and future data gathered by said sport dopist will be placed in black and white for perusal of all. Perhaps Yreka would like another game to settle the title. If so, let's hear from them, and quick, for the season is closing rapidly.

In the sixth inning two more runs were garnered on three hits, and in the seventh—let us "swear"—it was awful. Anthony smilingly resigned after watching three go over the fence, and refused to work after Nelson hit the first ball pitched for two. Palmer walked and Motele smashed one, scoring a run. Nothing doing with Mr. Brooks—he thought too much of his rep. Houghton was then induced to enter the box, and after having difficulty getting Lutge to stand behind the threshold to stop his balls, the agony was finally ended. Yea, revenge is sweet.

Bigbee was never in better form, and was putting them where they couldn't see 'em. Incidentally it was his twenty-second birthday, and he had resolved to shut out the team that had won by one run on questionable decisions a few weeks before. He struck out fifteen, and allowed but six hits, two of them in the eighth and ninth, when his meant little. But one hit an inning was allowed the visitors, and in only six innings did they register. Captain Hoag draws first and only honors for a home run, the first in weeks, and amply covered himself with glory after musing a couple of early chances. Outside of that, and a little slowness on the part of Nelson and Bowden in chasing fouls in the first two frames, the work of the local team was perfect.

Motele worked again, and although not working for several weeks, played his best game of the season, putting a

Says Tongue Was Split by Austrians



PRIVATE MARKUCH, RUSSIAN SOLDIER

This photograph, which comes from London, purports to show Private Markuch of the Russian army, who declares that his tongue was split when he was captured by the Huns in the Austrian army. He said they insisted on his giving up information about the Russian movements and location, but that he refused. Then, he declared,

According to the information from the British sources, that he was tortured in this way to compel him to talk. He refused, and later he escaped back to the Russian lines. The Russian authorities evidently believed his story, for he was decorated with gold, silver copper and iron medals of various orders in reward for his loyalty.

more; Betty out, second to first. Three hits, four runs.

Fifth Inning—Yreka—Lutge singles to center field through second; Maher fans; Anthony flies out to Herbig; Johnson fans. One hit.

Ewauna—Messig flies out to second; Bowden bunts, out, pitcher to first; Herbig fans.

Sixth Inning—Yreka—Wilson Fans; Hoag catches McLintyre fly in field; Guisto singles; DeForest fans. One hit.

Ewauna—Hoag hits to left field for two bases, goes to third on wild pitch; Nelson singles to left, scoring Hoag; Bigbee bunts, forcing Nelson out at second; Palmer singles to right field, advancing Bigbee to second; Anthony, tearing Motele, walks him, filling the bases; Betty flies out to right field, Bigbee holds his base and scores on throwin; Palmer caught at plate after throw to second, trying to catch Motele. Three hits, two runs.

Seventh Inning—Yreka—Calkins fans; Lutge flies out to Bigbee; Maher hit by pitched ball; Anthony flies out.

Ewauna—Messig walks; Bowden fans; Messig out trying to steal second; Herbig hit by pitched ball; Hoag drives home over center field fence, scoring Herbig; Brooks replaces Anthony; Nelson hits for two bases into left field; Bigbee smashes between Guisto and first base, scoring Nelson; Palmer walks, Brooks afraid to put it in reach; Motele hits to right field fence, scoring Bigbee; Betty hits to left field, scoring Palmer and Motele; Houghton replaces Brooks; Messig

steals second.

Ewauna—Nelson flies out to left; Bigbee grounds out, second to first; Palmer fans.

Third Inning—Yreka—Lutge out, Bigbee to Nelson; Maher fans; Anthony lives on Hoag's error; Johnson hits to right field, advancing Anthony to second; Wilson fans. One hit.

Ewauna—Motele flies out to center; Betty fans; Messig walks, caught stealing second.

Fourth Inning—Yreka—McIntyre out on Hoag's good stop and throw to Nelson; Guisto singles to left field; DeForest flies out to Betty; Calkins fans. One hit.

Ewauna—Bowden flies out to short; Herbig drives one through to left field; Hoag lives on Guisto's error; Nelson fans; Bigbee walks, filling the bases; Palmer smashes two bagger over right field fence, scoring two; Motele repeats over the fence, scoring two

BATTLE IN RIGA GULF IN FAVOR OF THE RUSSIANS

"GREAT GERMAN ROUT" TERMED BY NEWSPAPERS

Official Statement Today Conflicts the Earlier Unofficial Reports Regarding Battle in Riga—One of the Best German Dreadnoughts Sunk by British Submarine—Two Cruisers and Eight Torpedo Boats Sunk.

United Press Service

PETROGRAD, Aug. 23.—An official statement issued this afternoon conflicts somewhat earlier unofficial statements regarding the Riga battle. Today's statement says:

"One of Germany's best dreadnoughts was sunk by a British submarine, and at least two German cruisers and eight torpedo boats in the battle in the Gulf of Riga."

The cathedrals are crowded today with people offering thanksgiving over the result of the battle.

The newspapers term the Riga naval battle "great German rout."

It is unofficially estimated that 2,500,000 Austro-Germans are opening the Russian lines from Riga to Galicia.

RAILROAD CIRCLES STIRRING, BELIEF

SOUTHERN PACIFIC OFFICIALS ACCOMPANY INTERIOR DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS TO THIS CITY, TO SEE CRATER

A special train carrying Stephen Mather, assistant secretary of the Department of the Interior, and Secretary Albright, also of that department, E. L. McCormick, third vice president of the Southern Pacific, J. W. Metcalf, superintendent of the Shasta division, and D. W. Campbell, general superintendent of the northern district, arrived in the city Sunday morning. Mr. Mather and Mr. Albright continued on to Crater Lake, while the railroad officials made an inspection trip of the road from this city to Kirk.

The government officials are making an inspection trip to the lake, and will leave by way of Medford. They were met at Harriman Lodge landing by M. I. Johnson and taken on to Harriman Lodge. From there they were accompanied by Paul Johnson and Dr. Cathay of this city to Crater Lake. The latter gentlemen returned today.

Railroad circles were set agog over the visit of the railroad officials in here at this time, and the trip they made over the road to Kirk and return. The special returned at 1 o'clock and left immediately for Weed.

The agitation in railroad circles continues. Chief Engineer Hooy and Colonel Holabird, formerly with the Southern Pacific company, are now in the wilds north of Crater Lake, and it

In Pay of Germans?



GEORGE SYLVESTER VIERECK Editor of the Fatherland

George Sylvester Viereck is the founder of the Fatherland, a weekly publication in New York City. It was started shortly after the war began, and it has been a rabid defender of German policy, even excusing the sinking of the Lusitania. It has been a severe critic of President Wilson's German policy. A New York newspaper, in an effort to show that this publication was largely supported from German official funds, has published what it declares to be letters from Viereck to Dr. Heinrich F. Albert, German financial representative, presenting his account for June, 1915, and asking \$1,500, and Dr. Albert's reply, under date of July 1, 1915, that he hoped "in the course of the week to be able to make payment." The doctor also makes what is equal to a demand for control over the policy of the paper.

DOES GERMANY WANT PEACE?

INDICATIONS FROM SPEECHES AND CONFERENCE BY GERMAN OFFICIALS THAT PEACE MAY BE DESIRED

United Press Service

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 23.—The Telegram is not considered friendly to Germany, says Secretary Helfferich, financial secretary.

Chancellor von Hoffweg called a secret conference of the leaders before the opening of the Reichstag, and advised them to suppress all talk of annexation, and to support a discussion of peace.

He quoted Helfferich, and said that a new loan would exhaust Germany's resources, and that early peace is needed in the Fatherland.

Make a Short Visit

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Wells of Jacksonville, spent yesterday and today in this city as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goellie. They came from Crater Lake, and left this afternoon for their home in Jacksonville.

Leave for San Francisco

County Judge Marion Hanks, accompanied by Mrs. Hanks and daughter, leave in the morning for San Francisco for a visit at the fair.

GOVERNMENT IS UNDECIDED ON ARABIC CASE YET

MAY BE WEEKS BEFORE THE EVIDENCE IS GATHERED

Nationality of Mrs. Brugiere and Dr. Wood Questioned—Wood Was Naturalized—Two Channels for President to Pursue—London Reports Arabic Unarmed—No Warning Attempt to Escape or to Run Enemy

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 23.—It has been announced here that important cables regarding the sinking of the Arabic have been received from Ambassador Page in England. Secretary Lansing has instructed Gerard to ask if the German admiralty has yet received a report from the commander of the submarine which is supposed to have sunk the Arabic.

United Press Service

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 23.—The American attitude on the Arabic case has not been decided upon, due to the receiving of but fragmentary evidence so far, and the indications are that it will take several weeks to gather complete data, according to high government officials.

A question has arisen over the nationality of Mrs. Brugiere of San Francisco, reported American who was drowned, and Dr. Wood, also lost, by the state department. It has not been learned why their nationality has been doubted.

Two guesses regarding the possible action of the administration can be made. First, President Wilson may strain a point to escape involving America in war. Second, the president may sever diplomatic relations with Germany, call a session of congress, and take steps looking to possible future acts on Germany's part, unless the Kaiser "comes to terms" immediately. There is no way of telling which is correct.

United Press Service

JANESVILLE, Wis., Aug. 23.—Dr. Wood was born in England, but was a naturalized American.

United Press Service

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 23.—Attorney General Gregory said today, "the cabinet will pursue the case with Germany, and if shown guilty of a 'deliberately unfriendly' act, the cabinet will stand by the former warning America is not dealing with hypothetical cases."

United Press Service

LONDON, Aug. 23.—The British foreign office has announced that the Arabic was unarmed, was a passenger ship, and was ordered toward neutral points. This is the first time the British government has announced that the Arabic was unarmed, and that it was carrying passengers to England. The German government has not yet announced any attempt to escape or to run enemy.