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AFRICAN LINER APPAM CAPTURED BY GERMANS

Vessel Given Up As Lost Reaches Hampton Roads In Charge of Prize Crew—Ship Was Armed by Captors and On Way Across the Atlantic Captured at Least Two Other Vessels—Fierce Fight Put Up by Appam Crew Before Surrendering—Most Daring Feat of War

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 1.—Manned by a German prize crew, who captured her off the Canaries beyond the West African coast, the African liner Appam poked her nose through a light fog into Hampton Roads today.

Given up for lost, either through foundering or torpedoing, en route from Africa to Liverpool, the ship brought in nearly 300 passengers and crew, in addition to about 300 British prisoners put aboard from the German raiding merchantman which captured her.

Her capture, her flight past British patrols, and her sudden appearance here formed a chapter in naval history unparalleled since the days when freebooters and pirates rode the Spanish Main.

Passengers told of encountering the German raider January 15, and of a bloody fight as the prize crew scrambled aboard, while panic stricken crew men from the Appam vainly sought to flee; Captain Harrison contradicted this, saying that he surrendered at once upon realizing that his single three inch gun, unmounted, could not cope with the raider.

This vessel, an armed merchantman, continued its destructive work within sight of the Appam, sinking an Australian freighter, meat laden, after the crew was subdued.

When the British prisoners had been taken on the Appam and the 22 prize crew had been installed, the raider made off for fresh conquests, while the Appam headed for America, where Lieutenant Berg, German commander, said he knew his reception would be cordial.

Meanwhile, a missing lifeboat from the Appam led to foreign reports that she must have sunk.

Officials were surprised when she rammed her way to anchorage through the fog soon after dawn today like a ghost out of the ocean.

They at once clambered aboard to investigate this strange situation.

From passengers and officers then came the strange story of how the African ship had eluded the regular lanes of patrol vessels hostile to the Germans. Customs Collector Hamilton heard too that the Appam had even sunk at least two vessels en route.

Passengers told graphically of the overhauling at the Canaries, of how the raider rattled a few shots across the Appam's bows, how the Appam crew scrambled into a lifeboat, hoping to escape a bloody conflict as the prize crew boarded the captive ship. Captain Harrison explained, though, that he had not offered resistance.

The passengers' story was that the lifeboat had crashed to bits between the two vessels while shots rang out overhead.

The identity of the raider remains a mystery. Many here think that she is the Will-o-the-Wisp reported repeatedly in the Gulf of Mexico after the escape of the interned German sailors from the Prinz Eitel Friedrich here. Lieutenant Berg's announcement that he could get decent treatment here led some officials to believe he had knowledge at first hand of the treatment accorded to the Eitel crew. Only one day in port will be allowed to the Appam unless she is in need of repairs.



Gen'maw Pash is colorin' a meerschaum pipe for her nephew. Ther's no market for a personal grievance.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 1.—The most daring feat on the high seas during the present war was revealed today when the big African liner Appam sped into Hampton Roads in charge of a prize crew. Given up as having foundered in a terrible storm in the Mediterranean two weeks ago or as having been torpedoed as she was heading from Africa for Liverpool, the big liner put into port in the dawn today with her 166 passengers and crew of 134 safe.

Her sudden appearance here like a wraith from the deep showed she had been captured by a German merchant raider. This crew, probably aided by German prisoners aboard, headed her about through the heavy seas, raced across the Atlantic eluding British warships patrolling off the American coast and put into port under a light fog.

The incident is unparalleled in its daring and its execution.

The prize crew also added to the exploit the remarkable feat of capturing at least two vessels en route here. Customs Collector Hamilton found the Germans had armed the Appam as a commerce raider, thus accomplishing this sensational finale to an already stirring adventure.

Immigration and customs officials immediately boarded the liner. Quarantine officers found some of the passengers sick, and all of them excited by the strange events through which the

METHODIST CHURCH CONTROVERSY SETTLED BY SUPREME COURT

Taylor Street Edifice May Be Locked Up Says State's Highest Court

The first Methodist church controversy of Portland and the suit of the state superintendent against L. O. Ralston were the principal cases handed down by the supreme court this morning. The decision of Judge Gatens in the circuit court was affirmed and the decision of Judge R. G. Morrow in the banking case was modified though the main contentions were sustained.

The trouble in the church case arose over the consolidation of the Grace Methodist church at Twelfth street and the First Methodist church at Third and Taylor streets in 1912. After half a century of separate congregations the two bodies joined at the Ashland conference four years ago and were consolidated. Both congregations had churches and for a while the congregation held services at one church and then were transferred back to the other. Each transfer found some of the congregations of the original church who refused to worship in the other building. Finally the board of trustees of the church decided to hold the main services at the church on Twelfth street and to close up the church at Third and Taylor streets. A number of the members of the First Methodist church brought suit to enjoin the board from closing up the Taylor street church and in the lower court it was decided against the plaintiffs and the board was given the right to close up the Taylor street church and the plaintiffs appealed.

In an opinion Justice Harris held that the lower court was not in error and only modified the decisions of Judge Gatens in that neither party should recover costs in the supreme court.

Other Opinions Rendered.
The suit of Mary Jacobs against John Jacobs, a suit for divorce, appealed from Linn county, opinion by Justice Benson, Judge Percy E. Kelly, affirmed.

R. N. Doolittle, respondent, against Pacific Coast Safe and Vault works, appellant, an action for damages, appealed from Multnomah county, opinion by Justice Bean, Judge G. N. Davis, affirmed.

B. M. Lombard, appellant, against M. B. Kies, receiver of Commercial Bank of Vancouver, Wash., respondent, action for breach of contract, appealed from Washington county, opinion by Justice Benson, Judge J. A. Eakin, reversed.

Peter G. Carlson and J. A. Kallstrom, appellants, against M. H. O'Connor, suit for specific performance of a contract to sell land, appealed from Multnomah county, opinion by Justice Bean, Judge C. U. Gauntz, affirmed.

Thomas Kay, appellant, against the City of Portland, respondent, suit to recover money alleged due for services rendered, appealed from Multnomah county, opinion by Justice McBride, Judge W. N. Gatens, affirmed.

JANE ADDAMS COMING
Chicago, Feb. 1.—Miss Jane Addams of Hull House departed today for San Diego, planning to spend two months there and at Coronado, in recuperating from her recent illness.

MIGHT STOP HIS GROWTH
Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 1.—Declaring he had chewed tobacco since infancy, Elbert Neill, aged 82, applied to the police juvenile bureau today, asking to be cured of the habit.

THINK ZEPPELIN FLEET PREPARING TO RAID LONDON

Squadron of Twenty Airships Maneuvering Over Belgium Every Day

London, Feb. 1.—A squadron of 20 Zeppelins, some of them equipped with silent motors, have been maneuvering over Belgium for several days, preparing for an unusually powerful drive against London, according to Amsterdam dispatches today.

Experts here believe that the raid of a half dozen or more of the airmonsters against Midland, eastern and northeastern counties of England last night was merely an attack preliminary to the larger operations.

The first announcement of the war office suggested there had been no appreciable damage, and no additional details were available today.

Appropos of the recent attacks against England and the prospect of new raids, the Times warned that a joint assault by the number of Zeppelins probably would have serious consequences. At the same time, this paper pointed out that the defense of the city and country in general against air attacks is imperfect.

Travelers reaching here today reported that Belgians have been excluded from the territory in which the Zeppelin squadron is maneuvering, and that a dozen airplanes, presumably the new giant Fokker type are assisting. These probably are intended to give battle against any English aircraft that might attack the dirigibles.

Races Nearly Extinct.
Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 1.—Dr. Spiro Sargentich, a Tacoma physician, whose death was reported from typhus fever last year in Serbia, where he went to give his services to the Red Cross, has returned to New York, according to reports received here today.

In a letter, Dr. Sargentich reports that the Montenegrin and Serbian people have been almost wiped out by the ravages of war and disease.

Dr. Sargentich was chief surgeon for the Russian, Serbian and Montenegrin hospital services.

Airships Attack.
Berlin, by wireless to Sayville, L. I., Feb. 1.—A German airship attacked allied ships and supply depots at Salonika with excellent success, said today's official statement.

Law Operative March 1.
London, Feb. 1.—The government description law, recently passed, will become operative March 2, the Star announced today.

HAD BASKET OF ROBINS
San Francisco, Feb. 1.—Because feathers hung to sandwiches Joe Castro pulled out his lunch basket, he was arrested on a charge of killing robins. In the basket were 49 of the dead birds.

L. O. RALSTON SCORED BY JUSTICE M'BRIDE IN BANKING CASE

History of Bank Is One of Fraud and Deception From Start Says Court

In an expose of what is characterized as "rotten" banking the supreme court today modified the decision of Judge R. G. Morrow in the case of S. G. Sargent, as superintendent of banks, against the American Bank and Trust company of Portland, and L. O. Ralston. The modification reduced the personal judgment against Ralston from \$34,200 and interest amounting in all to about \$50,000 to \$24,200 and interest amounting to about \$35,000. The bank was capitalized at \$150,000 and after operating for some time and accepting deposits it appears that Ralston, who was president, sold out the bank stock for shares in "shoestring" corporations, and then attempted to absolve himself from responsibility and to save his private fortune.

The state bank examiner brought the action in the interests of the depositors of the bank who were defrauded of their funds when the bank was declared insolvent.

In his opinion Justice McBride says in part: "The history of this bank from the beginning is a record of deception, fraud, and mismanagement. Publishing to the world by its articles that it had a capital stock of \$150,000, an examination of the testimony shows that such capital was represented by \$85,000 of the assets of an insolvent 'fiction' bank of small value, something which is termed 'Mount Hood' stock, presumably a paper railroad of low value, a little office furniture, a few other 'chips and whetstones' of like character, and a very few thousand dollars in real money beguiled from the pockets of men like Leiter and Connell who were deceived into believing that they were investing in a real bank and were now awake to the actual facts sooner in pocket, but immensely richer in experience."

"The decree of the court below will be modified so that the plaintiff receive of defendant Ralston the sum of \$24,200 with interest at six per cent per annum from May 2, 1908, and the costs and disbursements of this court and the circuit court."

CALF SHOT THOMAS' CAT
Portland, Ore., Feb. 1.—A Jersey calf one month old shot a big tomcat with a revolver.

Dr. W. E. Simmons, dentist, is reported to be a truthful man, swears to this story.

Dr. Simmons has a farm near Nehalem. He went to the barn carrying a loaded revolver in his hip pocket, the barrel pointing upward. The tomcat was asleep on a rafter. The dentist stood over to pick up a halter. The calf kicked him on the hip pocket. The revolver roared and the tomcat came tumbling down from its perch on the rafter.

"Dander'n a door nail," swears the dentist.

That "safety first" forum of the Chamber of Commerce must not get the idea that safety is dependent alone upon talk.

SUBMARINE IS SAFE IS WIRELESS MESSAGE

One of Vessels Seeking Missing Craft Sights Her Early This Morning

Washington, Feb. 1.—The submarine K-5 is safe. Captain Simpson, of the Sterrett, one of the vessels hunting for the undersea vessel since she disappeared mysteriously from the flotilla near Charleston, released the navy department today that he had sighted her at 3:30 a. m. today five miles east of Fowey Rock, a light house 10 miles from Miami, Florida.

Simpson said she was heading southward at 10 knots an hour and needed no assistance. At the rate she was making, she was due to reach Key West today.

This message cleared away the last doubt about the ship, after authorities had feared she had gone to the bottom like the F-4 did at Honolulu.

How she happened to pass Charleston, where the remainder of the K boat flotilla stopped, was not immediately explained.

War Orders Reopen Many Textile Mills

Boston, Feb. 1.—The woolen and worsted mills in New England are thriving, according to the statistical review of the Textile World Journal. This condition is said to be representative of the entire country. Idle mills were started, partly owing to war orders and it is difficult to find a mill capable of manufacturing profitably without extensive rebuilding, that has not been leased or purchased and put in operation. The American Woolen company has acquired another mill in Maine, besides making many important improvements and increases in its various plants. The United States Worsted Company has largely re-equipped and started up the Iroquois Mills at Saugus, Mass., after an idleness of many years. The Bigelow-Hartford Carpet company is bringing about manufacturing economies by building new mills at Thompsville, Conn., and at Clinton, Mass., and converting machinery from Lowell, Mass. Extensive rebuilding operations are under way at the Sanford Mills at Sanford, Maine.

Seven Gaited Horse for Japanese Emperor

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 1.—Sold to the Japanese Association of America for presentation to the emperor of Japan, Montgomery Rex, a seven gaited Kentucky saddle horse, "Educated" in Los Angeles, was shipped to San Francisco, there to be placed aboard a vessel bound for Nippon. Montgomery's former owner was Charles R. Hadley, of Wilshire boulevard. The consideration was said to have been \$1,500.

A JELICOSE WARNING

Pasadena, Cal., Feb. 1.—E. G. Jellicoe, London barrister and relative of Sir John Jellicoe, commanding admiral of the British navy, believes today that Americans should vote against preparedness and keep out of foreign alliances in order to avoid war.

Jellicoe is visiting here for the winter. He is of the opinion the conflict will end immediately the United States stops selling munitions to belligerents. He also asserts Great Britain was as much to blame for starting the war as Germany, and declares he has already said so in articles for British newspapers.

DIED AT SILVERTON

At Silverton, Oregon, January 28, 1916, William S. Adams, aged 59 years and 10 months. The cause of death was pneumonia, although he had been in poor health since November, when he sustained a serious fall. Mr. Adams was a former resident of Donna, where he lived for a number of years, leaving there four years ago. He leaves a wife and four children, as follows: John D. Adams, of Donna; Mrs. Florence Reed, of Los Angeles; Boyd Adams, of Lakeview, and Otis Adams, of Salem. The funeral was held Sunday and the remains were interred in the L. O. O. F. cemetery at Salem.

HANDY WITH HIS GUN

Chickasha, Okla., Feb. 1.—Patrolman J. Lee Tuck was in an auto chasing a mad dog. Steering with one hand, he drew his revolver, took careful aim and fired. The bullet penetrated his own leg.

CAPTOR OF APPAM BAGGED EIGHT AS THREE DAYS STUNT

Note Thrown From Porthole of Captive Boat Gives Name of Raider

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 1.—A message thrown from a porthole of the liner Appam this afternoon to a United Press staff correspondent revealed that the name of her German captor was the Moeve. The message said the Moeve started her remarkable raiding career from the Kiel canal, passing through the British blockade.

In addition to capture of the Appam seven victims were bagged by the vessel after she crept out onto the ocean. These were named in the message as the:

Crowbridge, coal laden, January 11. Farringford, copper ore laden, January 11.

Drummond, coal laden, January 13. Arthur, general cargo, January 13. Aridne, wheat, laden, January 13. Trader, sugar laden, January 13. Clan McTavish, general cargo including much beef, January 15.

She Fooled Them.
The Moeve approached the Appam with a British flag flying at her mast, but as she drew nearer the passenger liner, she ran up the German flag. Simultaneously, she lowered the false sides, which made her appear as a tramp steamer, and displayed a full armament of 10 inch guns. The capture of the Appam was placed at 60 miles north of the Madeira Islands.

During her cruise, the Moeve also used the Swedish flag, the note said. Of the Moeve's victim, the 5,866-ton Clan McTavish was the largest.

The Moeve was a small naval survey ship with a speed of only 10 knots and at a distance she appears "trampish."

British Shipping Scared.
Though the Appam could easily have out-distanced her, passengers said she slipped up alongside before her identity was known. It is reported that a German submarine convoyed the Appam for more than half of her voyage from the Canary Islands.

British vessels here will not leave until they are certain no submarines are lurking off the cape.

All of the crew of the Clan McTavish were killed when they showed fight, except four injured, placed aboard the Appam, according to an immigration officer who boarded the Appam this afternoon.

The official heard that because the Germans were fearful of the British in their care, they planted bombs around the Appam and announced they would meet any mutiny aboard by exploding the bombs. Only women and children were allowed the freedom of the decks. The Appam carried no Americans.

Bulls and Bears Play Ball With Stock Market

(Copyright 1916, by the New York Evening Post.)
New York, Feb. 1.—The general and vigorous recovery on the stock exchange today was not in response to any particular turns in news developments, but it illustrated well the recent character of the market. In fact, the days news had little or no influence.

Changes at the opening were unimportant except in a few industrial issues which were bid up violently for the apparent purpose of attracting outside speculative interests. Some of these went higher afterward, but most of them went lower. Railway shares, and stocks like steel, though not changed much at the opening advancing one to two points and lost less of their advance in the closing hour than did the speculative stocks.

CIRCULATION FIGURES THAT ARE EXACT PROVE THE CAPITAL JOURNAL'S POPULARITY

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CHAS. H. FISHER, Publisher.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of February, 1916. (Seal) DORA C. ANDRESEN, Notary Public for Oregon.

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THE WEATHER

Portland, Or., Feb. 1.—Thirty three and a half inches of snow fell in Portland during January, exceeding all records for that month since 1890 when 35.3 inches were recorded. Two figures were announced by Forecaster Bells today. Wet snow and sleet which baffled snow plows, demoralized street car traffic and coated wires with ice, held Portland in its grip last night and early today.



Oregon: Tonight rain south, rain north, not so cold; Wednesday rain south, rain or snow north; southerly winds.

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