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## DISCUSS SITUATION AT CABINET MEETING

### Whether Diplomatic Relations Will Be Severed at Once On Receipt of Evidence That Liners Were Torpedoed Without Warning Is Question To Be Settled—Only Swift and Adequate Punishment of Submarine Commander Will Prevent Severance of Relations—Cable Inquiry to Berlin Is Dispatched Today

By Robert J. Bender,  
Washington, March 28.—The state department today cabled to Berlin an inquiry asking whether a German submarine torpedoed the steamers Sussex and Englishman.

Berlin was notified by the state department's cable that evidence now in possession of the United States indicated that submarines were responsible.

The inquiry will probably not arrive in Berlin before tomorrow or Thursday, owing to the usual cable delays in all matter transmitted to the German capital.

Discussed by Cabinet.

President Wilson and his cabinet today decided to ask Germany for information about the explosion which damaged the steamer Sussex in the English channel with severe loss of life.

It is still apparent that the state department and the White House are disposed to demand something more than a mere disavowal if it is shown that a German submarine was responsible.

It is not believed that a severance of diplomatic relations would be too drastic. The cabinet decided to interrogate Germany after Secretary Lansing had presented his official reports of the disaster.

The cabinet believes these reports insufficient to determine that a German submarine torpedoed the channel steamer with its cargo of non-combatants and that the torpedo was hurled without warning.

It is likely that the attitude of congress will not make it necessary for the president to send the statesmen a message if he decides to sever diplomatic relations. Instead of being a drag on the administration's policy—as in the armed liner case—congress now is apparently urging President Wilson on.

When he determines to sever relations, it is believed he will send congress a note announcing his intention and explaining the incidents which, in his judgment, make such a step necessary. He will not seek authority to make the move and possibly will only send congress a memorandum after the severing, as he did when Carranza was recognized. In this he expresses the hope that congress approves.

While it is thought certain Germany will disavow both the Sussex and the Englishman cases, if responsible, the nature of the disavowal must differ from other Tonten utterances before diplomatic connections can continue. It is believed the responsible submarine commander must be named to the world and adequate punishment must be established to Aerie's satisfaction.

An immediate severance, leaving Germany to effect a restoration, has been considered. Some believe Germany would make the punishment, reparation and assurance for the future so satisfactory that it would be proper for the United States to resume diplomatic relations later.

At a cabinet meeting it was decided to make this inquiry and to modify the earlier plan of procedure. Though it was not officially stated, it is assumed that the inquiry will be sent to Germany very soon in view of evidence indicating that a submarine did attack the Sussex.

## ABE MARTIN



Miss Traynor Apple's mate is resting over 1 day. Although he is rich and prominent the doctor will not operate. Her hair's much peace where you ain't got th' price.

## LUCK RESIGNS AS MANAGER OF SALEM COMMERCIAL CLUB

### Ivan G. McDaniel Chosen As Successor by Board of Directors

O. H. Luck, manager of the Salem Commercial Club, handed in his resignation today at the monthly meeting of the directors of the Commercial Club. The resignation was accepted and resolutions passed expressing the appreciation of the board of the efficient work done by Mr. Luck since he became manager last November. The resignation of Mr. Luck was submitted in the following letter:

March 27, 1916.  
The Board of Directors, Salem Commercial Club.  
Gentlemen: Owing to an opportunity to make a favorable connection in the mercantile business in Portland, I regret that I find it necessary to sever my pleasant relations with the Salem Commercial Club.

"So, I hereby respectfully tender you my resignation to take effect at your earliest convenience."  
Yours faithfully,  
O. H. Luck.

After accepting the resignation, the board passed the following resolutions: Motion made and carried that in accepting the resignation of Mr. Luck that the following resolution be adopted:

Whereas, Mr. Luck has tendered his resignation as Manager of the Club to take effect as soon as possible, and Whereas, His services have been eminently satisfactory to the Board during his term of office, and Whereas, The Club has derived many benefits as the result of his services, now

Resolved, That the Board herewith accepts his resignation to take effect April 1st, and Be it Further Resolved, That the Board desires to express its appreciation of his faithful and efficient services to the Club and wishes to extend to him its good wishes and best wishes for his future success and to express its regrets that he finds it necessary to sever his connections with the Club.

Resolution made and adopted instructing the executive committee to confer with Mr. Ivan G. McDaniel and to engage him as Manager to succeed Mr. Luck resigning. The executive committee convened and after consulting with Mr. McDaniel engaged him as Manager as per instructions from the Board of Directors.

### SUNKEN YACHT LOCATED

Vallejo, Cal., Mar. 28.—On the bottom of Vallejo bay under 90 feet of water, supposedly with three corpses in it, the pleasure launch sunk in collision with the Standard Oil tanker Calongina was located today, according to reports from Port Costa. Six men died in the accident. It is believed the bodies of George Kelly, Edward Bredlin and W. L. Lawton, boatman's mate of the U. S. collier Saturn are in the wrecked craft.

Captain I. B. Smith, of the Saturn, sent several boatloads of bluejackets to help remove the remains. Divers will be sent down to disentangle the bodies, attach ropes to them and so bring them to the surface. When they have been recovered an effort is to be made to raise the launch. Relatives of the victims went to Port Costa to help in the work.

### German Trenches Rushed.

Paris, Mar. 28.—Rushing into an advance German position in Farray woods, French troops killed all occupants who refused to surrender and withdrew after blowing up the trenches, it was officially announced today.

Creeching through the forest, the French suddenly leaped up on the outposts. A bloody struggle at close quarters followed in which revolvers, bayonets and clubbed muskets were used. The surviving Germans dropped their weapons and submitted to capture.

The excitement in the trench attracted other German outposts and a brisk rifle fire was beginning when the French laid their dynamite charge and fled, taking the prisoners along.

Elsewhere the official statement said the night was calm. An artillery fight around Malanquet was the only incident of the Verdun struggle.

### Battle Develops.

Berlin, Mar. 28.—Fighting around St. Eloi where the British attacked and destroyed German trenches may develop into a strong enemy offensive, the war office announced today.

British troops are continuing their pounding of the German lines, although no more important gains have been made. Improved weather has brought out many British aeroplanes which fill the air over the battlefield. It was suggested that this extensive aviation, the good weather and the heavy attacks indicate that the British are beginning a drive to relieve the pressure on Verdun.

The Russians continued their assaults during the night in Pustawa region without result.

Two Russian divisions advancing upon the German positions in waves were almost annihilated by sheets of fire from well entrenched Brandenburg and Hannoverian troops.

### All Hands Were Saved.

London, Mar. 28.—All hands were

## RUSSIANS PRESS STRONG ATTACKS ON EAST FRONT

### Berlin Reports Offensive Along One Hundred Mile Front

### GERMANS CLAIM TO BE INFLECTING GREAT LOSSES

### French Rush German Trench On War Front Killing All Defenders

By Carl W. Ackerman.  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)  
Berlin, Mar. 28.—Russian troops today are renewing their attacks against Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's soldiers on a 100 mile front. Hurding themselves again and again at the barbed wire entanglements of the Germans, the Slavs are being slaughtered in great numbers. They have not suffered heavier losses since the memorable retreat from Dunaev a year ago.

But they must keep on attacking or admit defeat and retreat.

The spring thaw will soon set in. Then Russian lowlands will be flooded, and the czar's commanders must withdraw their entire line.

The Germans will suffer from floods also, but they will not be compelled to withdraw as much as the Russians. Therefore the Slavs are wasting much ammunition in desperate efforts to seize higher positions before spring froshets turn their trenches into muddy ditches and make their camps into a vast swamp.

The use of repeated Russian charges, German officers are confident their line will be held intact. One German officer wrote relatives here that Russian mismanagement was very poor.

So strong are the Teuton defenses that this officer wrote his battalion lost only two killed and seventeen wounded when the Slavs came on behind a curtain of terrific explosions.

Formerly one Russian officer was found among every 300 privates captured, on the average. Now, however, the ratio is one officer to every 60 rankers.

### German Destroyer Sunk.

London, Mar. 28.—Rammed by the British cruiser Cleopatra, a German destroyer was sunk in the North sea last Sunday night after a battle between a British squadron and a flotilla of Teuton destroyers, it was announced by the admiralty today. The destroyers crew drowned.

The engagement probably followed the clash off the north Frisian coast Saturday in which two German armed patrol boats were sunk. Germany then admitted that a destroyer had not returned from the fight.

All British ships engaged in recent operations off the German coast returned safely, except the destroyer Medusa, previously reported lost in a collision. The Medusa's crew was saved. Twenty prisoners from the two armed trawlers sunk by British destroyers were brought back to port with the victorious squadron.

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## UNCLE SAM ASKS FOR RECRUITS IN SAN FRANCISCO

### Posters Adorn Walls In All Parts of California Metropolis

San Francisco, Mar. 28.—Printed in vivid colors, an army recruiting poster rivaling in appearance the famous "Your king and country need you" appeal of Great Britain appeared on walls in all parts of San Francisco today.

"Come on boys, shoulder the trusty Springfield!" it cried from the signboards. Phlegm folks going to work with no thought of war were suddenly confronted with "ENLIST—Are you game?" from fences and posts the printed word went out. "Business men can help. The boys are now crossing all desert and jungles of Mexico. The flag, old glory, invites your service."

The posters asked for 500 enlistments applicants a day. And it is getting results. Thirty men daily are joining the colors at the Market street office. Double shifts of recruiting officers are working at 20 stations under jurisdiction of the San Francisco office and a call has been sent to Washington for more men. Soon the Presidio parade ground may be dotted with "awkward squads" learning the manual of arms, as in Spanish war days.

"Rookies" from all over the west coast are being drilled all day at Fort McDowell on Angel Island. As fast as the men are considered fit they are rushed to the Mexican line.

A call has been issued for civil, mechanical, mining and electrical engineers to co-operate with army and militia authorities in raising a national guard engineer corps of 1,000 men. Companies are to be organized in San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles and Sacramento immediately and in other cities later. The men will be trained in digging trenches, building pontoon bridges, planting barbed wire entanglements, constructing artillery shelters and making military highways.

### BERRI BERRI IMPOSED

Portland, Ore., Mar. 28.—With nine cases of berri berri aboard, the British bark Invergarry left the river front Astoria for Portland today. She was 149 days out from Pernambuco, Brazil, when she crossed the bar. The vessel was fumigated at Astoria last night.

Captain J. R. Campbell, master of the Invergarry, commanded the British ship Inghelholm when she was torpedoed by a German submarine off Fastnet last May.

During a storm off the South American coast the Invergarry lost some spars and put into Montevideo for repairs, remaining there three weeks.

### COMMITTED TO JAIL

Revinia, Sask., Mar. 28.—After being kept all night last night in the parliament buildings, R. H. Devline, M. P., was today committed to jail with out bail on nine charges of theft aggregating \$12,000. He was not represented by counsel and did not request bail.

When the British steamer Empress of Midland was sunk, presumably by a submarine or mine, announcement said today. The vessel was of 2,224 tons, all steel.

### Peace Discussed.

Berlin, Mar. 28.—Tentative peace proposals were discussed by the allied conference gathered at the Paris war council, according to Swiss information today.

### Where Austrians Hurl Bombs At Surgeons In The Field

By William G. Shepherd.  
(United Press staff correspondent.)  
Santonica, Greece, Feb. 24.—(By mail.)—Seventy-five girls from Canada, standing among their hospital tents on a little hill seven miles out from Santonica, looking into the sky.

Above them a circling Austrian aeroplane.

The whistle of falling Austrian aeroplane shells; three terrific explosions on the earth nearby; a heavy thud of one shell that didn't explode and that would have killed a tenth of wounded men if it had—this was my first glimpse of No. 4 Canadian hospital. The Austrian killer sailed away.

In the name of God and humanity why did he try to kill nurses and surgeons and sick and dying men? You feel these things more when you see them yourself than when you read about them. In one of those tents, at the time, not a hundred feet from where an Austrian shell fell, a great surgeon from Canada whose name is known and honored among the surgeons of Germany and Austria, was toiling with his knife on the vitals of a young officer using all the skill and science that 20 centuries of study have afforded the art of surgery and one of these Austrian shells might have wiped out that scene, actors and all—the surgeon, the man who was holding the more-fet ethion zone, the nurses who were stand-

ing nearby with the surgeon's tools and the senseless man, himself. Or, might it not, with the strange trickery of shells, have killed all except the man on the table and left him to come to his senses, with no kindly other pouring into his lungs and with the vital operation only half done? The possibilities are too terrible to consider. Not a shell hit the great group of hospital tents. But the point is that the Austrian tried to hit them.

You feel strongly, as I have said, about an incident of this sort, especially if you are marked to go on the operating table yourself the next day. And, also, if you are scheduled to spend a couple of weeks in one of the tents lying helpless until the surgeon's cuttings have begun to heal.

By this time the hospital has become normal; the excitement of the patients has abated under the assurance of the nurses that the aeroplane has gone. You are escorted to a tent by an orderly who, you discover later, first learned his business in Bellevue hospital in New York. A sweet-faced nurse meets you at the door of the tent; she used to be in a hospital in Brooklyn.

"Take any bed you please of these five," she says, "and you must undress and go to bed right away, too." The bed is a cot; the covers are heavy,

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## VILLA HARD PRESSED IS LATEST REPORT

### General Gavira Gives Out News That Bandit Is At El Oso, With Both Carranza Troops and Americans Close Upon Him—Party of Mexican Raiders Cross Border Into United States and Attack Ranch of C. E. Kelly—Cavalrymen Follow Outlaws Into Mexico, When Notified of Outrage by Superintendent.

By E. T. Conkle,  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

El Paso, Texas, March 28.—News of another bandit raid into American territory and publication of a message asserting United States troops and constitutionalists were close on Francisco Villa and "harrassing him constantly" were the most important developments in the great Mexican manhunt today.

General Gavira at Juarez made public the following dispatch from General Berton, constitutionalist commander at Madera:

"Villa is at El Oso. I believe Colonel Cano is one of our chiefs closest to him. Our troops and the Americans are harrassing him constantly."

Ten cavalrymen were in pursuit today of Mexican outlaws who swooped across the border near Fabens and attacked the ranch of C. E. Kelly, former mayor of El Paso. The ranch superintendent was assaulted and severely beaten. He walked to the T. E. Wingo ranch near at hand and notified a detachment of the Eighth cavalry, troop E, which was encamped there. Ten fast riders were ordered to gallop after the outlaws.

Latest dispatches from the American punitive expedition say Villa is fleeing rapidly southwest toward the Sierra Madero foothills with Americans closely trailing him. Mexicans who formerly hailed Villa as an idol are now aiding his pursuers. An aviator from the base 120 miles south of Dublin headquarters is scouting with the American vanguard. The base is believed equipped with infantry and artillery to support the cavalry vanguard should a pitched fight occur.

The problem of getting supplies to the American advanced posts is becoming more serious hourly. It is thought certain that use of Mexican railroads will be imperative if Villa is not run down soon.

Camuto Reyes, bandit leader, with 1500 outlaws has appeared near Torreón seizing small settlements and forerunners in Torreón are ready to flee for safety, Mexican advices said.

### Will Remove Mexican Troops.

Douglas, Ariz., Mar. 28.—Governor Calles, it was reported today, will remove all de facto troops from Agua Prieta Thursday in order to remove the cause of disagreeing rumors in the vicinity of Douglas.

### Supply Trains Speeded.

San Antonio, Texas, Mar. 28.—Supply trains carrying munitions and provisions from Columbus to the American base of operations in Mexico are being speeded up today as the problem of maintaining lines of communication becomes more severe. Numbers of trains, each composed of 27 motors, are being rushed to Columbus for immediate use.

Mayor General Fred Funston derided the report of a bandit raid on the Kelly ranch near El Paso. He said: "We have no reports of any such action or of troubles anywhere. All we can do is wait and hope that our line of supplies will not be broken."

### Censorship Tightened.

Columbus, N. M., Mar. 28.—Tightening of the censorship on dispatches from

### Send Carranza Cavalry.

Douglas, Ariz., Mar. 28.—Following a conference between Governor P. Elias, Calles and de facto General Arnulfo Gomez at Agua Prieta today, it was decided to send Gomez with 100 Carranzista cavalry from Colonia Morelos to Moctezuma to guard against Villistas entering Sonora.

Should Villa attempt to cross into Sonora, United States officers today discussed the possibility of an American expedition being sent into Mexico from here.

### Arrange Transportation.

Washington, Mar. 28.—The state department today telegraphed Consul Rogers at Queretaro, the temporary Mexican capital, asking him tentatively to arrange for transportation of army supplies by railroad from the border to the American expeditionary force. Meantime the protocol covering complete co-operation between United States troops and Carranzistas in the hunt for Francisco Villa is held in abeyance.

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## THE WEATHER

Oregon: Tonight fair, light frost northwest, heavy frost south and east portions; and Wednesday fair, warmer; northerly winds.



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