

AMERICAN STEAMER ALCONQUIN SUNK WITHOUT WARNING

Crew Is Saved But Submarine Refused to Assist Survivors

NO HOPE REMAINS FOR MODIFIED PROCEDURE

Cargo of Food Stuffs Valued at \$1,500,000 and Vessel at \$400,000

London, Mar. 14.—The American steamer Alconquin, bound for London and laden with foodstuffs, was torpedoed without warning on Monday morning.

Says Fear of Death Has Wholesome Effect

Governor Withycombe recently received a letter from O. B. Whitaker, of Jefferson, Missouri, a member of the legislature of that state, asking information as to the effect capital punishment has as a crime deterrent.

MANAGERS AND MEN HOLD SEPARATE MEETINGS TODAY

Brotherhoods Say Purpose of Railroads Is To Delay Settlement

ROADS ARE WAITING FOR SUPREME COURT TO ACT

Apparently Have Hint—Roads May Be Seized If Strike Comes

New York, Mar. 14.—The railway managers committee and the railway brotherhood chiefs held separate meetings in New York this afternoon.

BIDS FOR CRUISERS CLOSE TO \$6,000,000

Calv \$25,000 Difference Between Pacific and Atlantic Coast Bids

Washington, March 14.—Bids ranging from \$5,950,000 to \$6,120,000 each for the six newly authorized scout cruisers were opened at the navy department today.

The railroad managers met in a hall on the lower east side with chairmen of their organizations on eastern roads.

WAS NOT ARMED

New York, Mar. 14.—The American Star Line, owners of the submerged American steamer Alconquin, today received the following telegram from Captain Norberg:

RAIDER IN INDIAN OCEAN

Tokyo, Mar. 14.—Official announcement of the presence of a German raider in the Indian ocean, preceded receipt of dispatches here today of the destruction of this craft, off the coast of the island of Ceylon.

RAILROAD SITUATION Causes Wheat To Drop

Chicago, March 14.—Despite the threatened strike and favorable crop outlook over the wheat belt, wheat, after a slightly lower start, displayed strength. Sellers were few and many buyers were in evidence.

JAPAN HONORS GUTHRIE

Tokyo, Mar. 14.—The body of George W. Guthrie, later United States ambassador to Japan, will be taken to the United States in a Japanese ship.

MAY RUN ALL CHINESE OUT OF LA GRANDE

LaGrande, Ore., Mar. 14.—Several suspects were under arrest today in connection with the murder of Billy Eng, an American born Chinese, who was shot to death in front of the postoffice after his assailant had chased him several blocks.

ABE MARTIN



ALLIED LOSSES IN EUROPEAN WAR 5,696,400; WHILE THOSE OF OPPONENTS TOTAL 3,384,800

Table showing Allied and Opponent losses in European War as of January 31, 1917. Columns include Nation, Killed, Wounded, Captured, and Total.

A FASHION NOTE

Chicago, March 14.—Stop, look and listen! Skirts this year will be shorter than ever.

CHINA REVERS RELATIONS

Washington, Mar. 14.—Diplomatic relations between China and Germany were broken by China today, according to an official message to the navy department.

CAST LOTS FOR JOBS

Juneau, Alaska, Mar. 14.—Alaska's territorial senate probably will draw lots today for every office from that of president of the senate down.

STRIKE ORDERS TO GO INTO EFFECT SATURDAY AT 4 P. M.

Second Group To Go Out Sunday and the Third Monday Afternoon

CHICAGO WILL BE HARD HIT BY FIRST WALK OUT

Railroad Managers Believe Government Will Take Over the Roads

Chicago, March 14.—Strike orders received by brotherhood officials today, which are to go into effect at 4 p. m. Saturday, in case supplementary orders are not issued, disclose the fact that Chicago will be hard hit from the very outset if the brotherhoods go out.

COMMISSION WILL MAKE NEW RATES

Washington, Mar. 14.—The interstate commerce commission has placed before the trans-continental railways tentative findings in the inter-mountain rate case proposing realignment of virtually the entire structure of freight rates.

Road Through McKenzie Pass Most Favored Project

Washington, Mar. 13.—Construction of roads in the national forests in Oregon this year is likely to be largely confined to the McKenzie Pass road over the Cascade mountains.

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HEAVY SNOW FALL SAVES WHEAT CROP

Blanket of Snow Over Entire Wheat Belt Means Normal Crop

Chicago, Mar. 14.—Snow and rain last night and today through the winter wheat saved the winter wheat crop from what seemed certain ruin.

WASHINGTON TOWN Has \$10,000 Blaze

Tacoma, Wash., March 14.—Fire that for a time seriously threatened the town of Rochester, near Chehalis, early today destroyed the Whitecomb hotel, a confectionery store and badly damaged the Whitcomb garage.

THE WEATHER

St. Paul, Minn., Mar. 14.—Winter wheat through the Dakotas and Minnesota looks excellent. Record snows, some places, having received as much as five feet.

ADVANCE BEYOND BAGDAD



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By Robert J. Bender (United Press staff correspondent)

Washington, March 14.—President Wilson's message to the Sixty Fifth congress, called in extraordinary session April 16, will be sharply militant.

Defense measures such as the country has not been called upon to furnish since the Spanish-American war, will be urged by the president for immediate consideration and prompt action.

These are expected to include: Legislation covering all matters collateral with the defense of the American merchant marine.

Press Ahead of People Universal training promises to be the biggest question facing congress.

President Wilson and Secretary of War Baker have sent out an appeal for thoughtful public opinion upon the needs and wishes of the country.

It is probable he will not recommend the adoption of any specific plan, but will strongly urge some training measure.

Senator Chamberlain today said he planned to re-introduce his own universal service bill and "try to get it through in some form."

Many New Measures The president will also urge immediate action on a measure to extend the powers of the shipping board.

In addition to the outstanding preparedness measures, the president will ask the new congress to act on the following:

State universities and local cooperative relief societies are seeking to relieve a serious steel shortage.

St. Louis, Mo., Mar. 14.—Crop experts are not optimistic over the crop outlook for the coming year. Prior to the general snowfall of yesterday and today, 68 per cent crop was the best that those conversant with conditions would predict.

Heavy snowfall through the winter with no thaw has made conditions for a bumper crop year favorable.

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London, March 14.—"Our advanced detachments are thirty miles beyond Baghdad," declared an official statement from the British Mesopotamian expeditionary force today.

Oregon: Tonight and Thursday fair, with an east portion; heavy frost west portion tonight; westerly winds.