VILLA TRICKS PURSUERS AND FLEES SOUTH AFTER SAFETY

Eludes Cordon of Mexican and American Troops With His Bandits, According to Despatch From Pershing to Funston

NO HOPE OF SPEEDY END OF THE CAMPAIGN NOW

Robber Leader Reported Moving Toward Fastnesses In Guerrero District Where It Will Take Many Months To Catch Him

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, March 27—Villa has escaped from the cordon of American and Mexican troops, believed to have been closing upon him, and is fleeing as fast as his mounts can take him to the mountains of the Guerrero district, where it will take months to catch him.

Such is the gist of an official, despatch from General Pershing to General Funston, at San Antonio, last night, and there is no doubt that it has cast gloom over the state and war departments where the hopes had been high that the bandit chief would be caught and punished in short order.

General Pershing reports that he now has no hopes of a speedy ending of the campaign against Villa, and he has already begun arrangements for a campaign of several months. This, it is said here, does not mean that more troops will be sent to assist him, as it is considered that he now has an ample force to accomplish his purpose. The border, also, it is declared, is amply safeguarded against any emergency.

Villa Is Not Weakened

The American Cavalry column, under Pershing, tricked at Namiquipa, is still on the trail of Villa and his men, now more than 250 miles south of the border and still moving southward. The fighting around Namiquipa between Villa and the Carranza forces under Colonel Cano, last week, did not weaken the bandits, it is stated in official despatches, and Villa pulled out of the battle with as many men and horses as he had before.

No details of that fighting has been allowed to leak out past the strict censorship that has thrown a curtain of secrecy over so many of the features of the punitive expedition after Villa. It is known, however, that Gen. Padro Gozman, and twenty-two other Villa leaders were killed in a battle that took place with a body of Carranza troops near Laguna. This was learned from a despatch to General Obregon, forwarded to the Carranza agency in this city. Ten prisoners were taken and immediately executed.

Villa Moves Southward

Villa is reported to be moving southward for the mountains at a rapid rate, increasing his strength in men and horses as he goes. He is declared to be in a precarious plight, however, as there is no food for either his men or his mounts in the country through which he is marching. Nevertheless he is not sparing either, and without supplies or ammunition and with his men near to starvation, he is pressing forward toward the mountain strongholds he has had in view ever since his raid upon Columbus.

The feeling along the border continues to be uneasy. Delrio, Texas, last night reported that a band of 1000 Mexicans is forming at a point about thirty miles south of the border, and asked protection. A permanent guard of three hundred United States infantrymen has arrived at the town. Others may be sent soon.

COLONEL BERRY IS WITH PERSHING

The selection of Col. Lucien G. Berry, Fourth Field Artillery, as intelligence officer on the staff of General Pershing's expeditionary force, is taken here to mean that unless the capture of Villa is speedily effected this officer will not succeed Col. Samuel Sturgis in the command of the First Field Artillery at Schofield Barracks in June has been expected. A battalion of the Fourth Field Artillery, armed with mountain howitzers, forms the principal artillery unit of the punitive expedition, but it is thought Colonel Berry is not serving with his regiment at all, but has taken over the important staff duties of intelligence officer. In the performance of his duties Colonel Berry has control of the secret service and the classification and weighing of all information concerning the enemy and the theater of operations, and supervises the preparation of the necessary field maps.

The personnel of General Pershing's staff is made of officers of exceptional professional ability.

The chief of staff is Lieut. Col. De Rosey Cabell, Tenth Cavalry, graduate and more recently an instructor of the Army War College at Washington. The adjutant of the expedition is Maj. John L. Hines, who is adjutant of the Eighth Brigade, General Pershing's proper command. The others are as follows: Assistant chief of staff, Capt. Wilson B. Burtt, Twentieth Infantry; intelligence officer, Col. Lucien G. Berry, Fourth Field Artillery; quartermaster, Maj. John F. Madden; Quartermaster Corps; surgeon at base, Lieut.-Col. Euclid F. Fricks, Medical Corps; commander of base, Maj. William R. Sample, Twentieth Infantry; aides, Lieut. James L. Collins, Eleventh Cavalry, and Lieut. Martin C. Shellenberger, Sixteenth Infantry; surgeon, Maj. Jereh Clayton, Medical Corps; engineer, Maj. Lytle Brown, Corps of Engineers; signal officer, Capt. Hanson Black.

SUBMARINE SPEED MAY BE CUT DOWN

Contracts For Two More Schley-Type Craft May Be Let Soon

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, March 26—Representative Padgett, chairman of the house committee on naval affairs, has introduced a bill which reduces the minimum speed of the new submarines appropriated for to nineteen knots. A proposal made in the last session of congress and adopted provided that the new submarines should have a minimum surface speed of between twenty and twenty-five knots. In the light of naval developments, it is probable that the substitute proposed by Chairman Padgett will be adopted, and that the navy department will be authorized to let contracts for two more vessels of the Schley type.

The committee members are considerably confused by the conflicting recommendations made by the naval experts that have come before them as to submarines, some advocating comparatively small boats, and others those of large type. Some of the members believe that the government should go the limit, and, if possible, equal the monster German U-boats, of which so much has been heard, but about which nothing definite is at hand, while others favor boats of about 800 tons, such as advocated by Admiral Fletcher and Rear Admiral Grant. One difficulty with boats even as large as 800 tons is that it has been asserted that such a submarine cannot be built in less than three years.

The navy department still has before it the bids recently received for the two seagoing fleet submarines, which as in the case of the Schley now building, are designed to have a displacement of something over 1,200 tons and a speed of about 20 knots. In view of the disagreement among the naval experts as to the expediency of building such large submarines, consideration is being given to a proposition not to award contracts for the two fleet submarines authorized by the last naval appropriation act, but to ask congress for authority to expend the appropriation for them on smaller submarines. Until this point is settled, of course, no award of contract will be made.

PROMINENT METHODIST BISHOP WILL TAKE REST

Doctor Harris Has Been Decorated By Japanese Emperor

(Special Cablegram to Hawaii Shinpo.)

TOKIO, March 27.—Dr. M. C. Harris bishop in charge of the Methodist missions of Korea, who left on board the Shinyo Maru for the United States last Friday, was awarded the order of Zuiho-sho, second class, by the Mikado. He has been more than thirty years working among the Japanese and has done much good work educating the people. Doctor Harris is much beloved by the Japanese and returns their affection, it being one of his favorite sayings that he is a "Japanese born in the United States." He expects to return after a short rest at home.

American and Japanese friends of the bishop are planning a warm welcome for him when he reaches Honolulu. A formal dinner will be given to him by the Japanese, among whom he is well known and highly esteemed.

WOMAN SAYS WAITE TRIED TO KILL HER

She Reveals Her Relations With Accused Dentist

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

NEW YORK, March 27.—Mrs. Margaret Horton, a well known local singer, yesterday admitted to the police that she had frequently shared the "studio" of Doctor Waite, a local dentist, accused of having poisoned his father and mother-in-law. They had been in the habit of visiting local hotels, said Mrs. Horton, and registering as "man and wife."

She feared Doctor Waite, said the woman, as on one occasion he had tried to poison her and her husband, in an effort to secure their money.

Waite is being held in the prison ward of Bellevue hospital, where he is being carefully watched to keep him from committing suicide.

ALLIES TO HOLD CONFERENCE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

PARIS, March 27.—It was learned last night that the Entente Allies have summoned an important conference to be held here today, to consider the military and political situation throughout the coalition.

TWO BATTLESHIPS LOST BY GERMANS IN NAVAL BATTLE

British Light Cruiser and Destroyer Squadron Defeats Teuton Patroling Fleet

FIGHT OCCURS NEAR COAST OF FRIESLAND

While It Is In Progress Hydroplanes Attack Kaiser's Aviation Plant At Tondern

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, March 27.—At the cost of one torpedo boat destroyer, the Laverock, a British light cruiser and destroyer squadron yesterday beat off an attack by a German patroling fleet, and sank two of the Teuton ships, the battleships Braunschweig and Otto Rudolf. It is believed that the crew of the Laverock was picked up later and that the men are safe. No estimate of the loss of life when the Braunschweig and Otto Rudolf went down has been given.

The battle in which the German ships appear to have had much the worst of it, took place off the coast of North Friesland, Sunday noon, as the British squadron was conveying a squadron of eight seaplanes to the German coast for an attack upon the aviation sheds and plant at Tondern, in Schleswig-Holstein. Commodore Tywhitt was in command of the British fleet.

Long Range Fight Begins

The British ships were nearing the coast of Friesland, near the Grandy lightship, south of the island of Sylt, off the Friesland coast, almost due north of Helgoland bay, when they were sighted by the Germans, with the Braunschweig in the lead, surrounded by a cloud of torpedo boats and destroyers. At long range the battle began at once.

Dashing in upon the German light cruiser Medusa, the Laverock attempted to torpedo her, but the Teuton evaded the strike and before the Laverock could swing clear, rammed and sank her.

In the mean time the Braunschweig had received enough and was settling rapidly, and the Otto Rudolf was also going down.

The battle did not last long, and the British drew off without having suffered more than the loss of Laverock.

Hydroplanes Lost In Attack

While the sea fight was in progress the hydroplanes flew inland and dropped their bombs upon the aviation sheds and plant at Tondern, one of the bases from which the German raiders have attacked the English east coast. Five of them reached their goal, according to reports from Copenhagen, but three appear to have been shot down by anti-aircraft guns mounted upon the island of Sylt. The crews were captured.

Berlin reports that three of the attacking aeroplanes were shot down at Sylt, and adds that but little damage was done by the bombs.

The Laverock was built in 1912 and was of thirty-five knot speed. The Braunschweig was built in 1902 by the Krupps, and was of eighteen knot speed, and carried four eleven-inch guns in her main battery. She cost $5,500,000 when new.

BIG ARMY FAVORED BY SENATE COMMITTEE

Chamberlain Bill Is Preferred Over Hay House Measure

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The senate military committee, which has the Chamberlain Army Bill under consideration, which measure provides for a considerably larger standing army than the Hay Bill, recently passed in the house, has decided not to attempt to reconcile the senate measure with the house bill, but will report the Chamberlain Bill practically as it was introduced and recommend it for passage as a substitute measure. This will throw the question into conference, as it is expected that the senate will act on the committee's report.

PRESIDENT'S DAUGHTER IS MOTHER OF A GIRL

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

PHILADELPHIA, March 27.—President Wilson has another grand daughter, born here last night. The mother is Mrs. Francis Bowes Sayre said to be the President's favorite child. Mr. Wilson telegraphed his congratulations last night.

IMPERIAL SHRINE BEGUN

(Special Cablegram to Nippu Jiji.)

TOKIO, March 25.—Actual work on the Meiji Shrine was started today in this city. The Shrine will be erected in honor of the late Meiji Emperor, Mutsuhito. Thousands of Japanese will contribute to the fund.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets). Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. The signature of E. W. GROVE is on each box. Manufactured by the PARIS MEDICINE CO., St. Louis, U. S. A.

KAUAI MILITIA BUSY WITH DUTIES

Instruction Is Being Given and Shipment of Uniforms Has Been Received

(Mail Special to The Advertiser).

LIHUE, Kauai, March 25.—Maj. L. W. Redington, assistant to the adjutant general, National Guard of Hawaii, returned to Honolulu in the Inter-Island steamer Kauai this evening, after spending five days on Kauai.

It was only about a month ago, early in February, that the Fourth Regiment, that of Kauai, was organized as a unit, the six companies of this island having formed, with the six of Maui, the Third Regiment. Now that the unit has been completed, it was desired that the regimental and company records be started off properly, and it was in do this that Major Redington came to Kauai. While most of his work was in connection with the office files, he attended four schools of instruction for officers and non-commissioned officers of the guard, which are being conducted by Sergeant-Instructor Harry R. Brown, U. S. A., who came here in December.

Sergeant Brown began holding these classes Monday. They will be held as follows: Monday, Waimea; Tuesday, Makaweli; Wednesday, Eleele; Thursday, Lihue; Friday, Kealia; Saturday, Kilauea. They will be continued for some time, instruction being given in different branches of military work, field work, of course, also being included.

The enlisted strength of the twelve companies of Kauai is about 950 men. Besides the companies of infantry there are hospital corps detachment and a regimental band.

A shipment of uniforms was received this week. There are nearly enough for all the men, the old companies having been uniformed before. Rifles for the old companies were here, but the new have not received them yet. Continued shipment of supplies is expected for some time, until all the companies are equipped completely.

Col. Edward R. W. Broadbent, manager of Grove Farm plantation, is commander of the Fourth Regiment, and Lieut. Col. L. D. Timmons is second in command.

NO JAPANESE MINISTER TO MEXICO JUST NOW

(Special Cablegram to Hawaii Shinpo.)

TOKIO, March 25.—Baron M. Funakoshi, newly appointed minister to Mexico, tendered his resignation yesterday. The resignation was accepted. The foreign office has decided not to appoint a minister to Mexico until peace is restored in that country.

CANAL TO OPEN SOON

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

NEW YORK, March 27.—General Goethals sailed from this city for Panama yesterday. Before leaving here he talked about the canal zone, predicting that the big ditch would surely be opened for traffic by April 15, unless something unforeseen occurs.

LAST OF YAHIS IS DEAD

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—Ishi, the surviving Yahi Indian, who was found wandering in the hills near Oroville, California, in the summer of 1911, and adopted by the University of California, died there yesterday from tuberculosis. Ishi is believed to have been about sixty years old.

HILO WATER CASES ARE AT STANDSTILL

Change of Judges Threatens To Defeat Decisions After Much Expensive Litigation

There is trouble ahead for the litigants in two big water cases which have been heard in the Third and Fourth Circuit courts of the island of Hawaii, as there have been no decisions rendered therein and the two judges familiar with the cases and who heard all the evidence are to be superseded in a little while by new judges who know nothing of the cases.

One of the cases is that of the Territory against the Hilo Boarding School and concerns the right to a stream of water in the town of Hilo. The other was heard by Judge Matthewman and took eighty days to the trial.

The Attorney general of the Territory wrote to Washington regarding the appointment of the new judges and was informed that the recommendations to the senate would take their regular course and if the names were confirmed, as soon as the new men qualified they would be seated.

If the cases have to be retried it will mean a good many thousand dollars to the litigants for costs and attorney fees. Harry Irwin, as an attorney for one of the parties at interest in the Hilo suit, has arranged for a stipulation for a decision of the case without a new trial, it being decided by the parties that Judge Parsons, although not on the bench, would be best qualified to decide the matter.

From the attorney-general's office comes the information that it is very improbable that either of the cases will be undecided at the time the change in judges take place, as even if the names sent to the senate are confirmed it will take a couple of weeks for the new judges to qualify and this will give ample time for the decisions in the cases to be rendered.

NATIVE DRIVES BLADE OF KNIFE THROUGH HAND

Several Other Cases Are Treated At Emergency Hospital

Joe Kuhia is held at the police station and probably will be charged this morning with assault with a weapon on William Kaleiwohi. In a drunken row in the asylum road early yesterday morning, Kaleiwohi was badly stabbed with a knife in the left hand, the blade of the weapon going clear through the member. Two stitches were taken in the wound at the emergency hospital.

The following case were treated at the emergency hospital yesterday:

Andrew Cortein, bruised eye. Andrew got tangled up at Camp No. 2 and got hurt in the unraveling process.

H. H. Asao, scalp wound. He scrapped with another Japanese.

Joe Trinidad, black eye. A Hawaiian boy did the damage.

David Kaoo, scalp wound. Kaoo was learning to ride a bicycle and the machine bucked.

The accounts of the Trent Trust Company, executor of the estate of J. J. Byrne, deceased, have been approved by Judge Whitney.

French Artillery Checks Teutons and Prevents More Advances

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

PARIS, March 27—Upon both battlefronts, eastern and western, the fighting continued with unabated vigor all day yesterday, according to official reports issued last night.

In the Verdun region, where for more than a month the Crown Prince has been endeavoring to hack his way through the French lines and cut the French army in two, the guns kept up their ceaseless cannonading. Again and again the Teutons launched infantry attacks against the French clinging to the plateau of Dausaumont, eastward to the fort de Vaux, south of the little town of that name. Berlin claims that the German troops, in the hand-to-hand fighting, were successful, but the French reports make no mention of the attacks.

Gray-Coated Legions Melt Away

In the first and second attacks the assailants, who fought with great bravery, reached the French barbed wire, but so fierce was the hail of bullets from the machine guns and rifles that the gray-coated legions melted away. The officers rallied them again and again until no more were left to rally.

The third attack began in the afternoon. It was even more violent than those which had preceded. For more than an hour the Germans came on in serried ranks, hurling themselves, regardless of cost, against the ridges held by the Frenchmen. At last the defenders' line wavered at two points, but only momentarily, and the counter attack, driven home with the bayonets, drove the Germans back to the shelter of the chambrettes of the Hardaumont ravines.

Veritable Hail of Big Shells

The Germans then resumed the bombardment, plowing up the ground and pulverizing the rocks with hundreds of big shells. The fourth advance was made after dusk by fresh Prussian troops who had replaced the troops engaged in the morning and afternoon attacks. After desperate fighting they managed to get a footing on the extreme edge of the plateau, whence they pushed forward into the houses on the north side of the village.

The Germans now hold ground southeast of Dausaumont village, but the French dominate them from commanding heights. The experts say that German possession of it is only temporary, and that the technical advantage remains with the French, whose lines continue unbroken.

Malancourt, now but a smoking heap of shattered houses set in a field ploughed and seared by high explosive shells, was again the target for German bombardment. Thousands of shells were rained upon the French defenses as a preliminary to a massed infantry attack. It is expected that this attack will be made today or at the latest tomorrow.

Situation In Other Districts

In the Woevre region the cannonading was intermittent, and north of Verdun the booming of the big guns died down to an occasional explosion. In the Argonne and Vosges the French artillery, which all along had had the upper hand, took it again yesterday, and maintained a spirited bombardment of the German positions.

On the eastern front the Russians are continuing to push the invaders slowly backward. A great German offensive against the Slav lines west of Jacobstadt broke down utterly under the Russians guns, says Petrograd, and the counter offensive is said to have gained ground.

South of Dvinsk, where there has been heavy fighting for days, the Russians emptied a German trench of its defenders, driving the Teutons back. In the lake region, however, the Russians appear to have suffered a reverse, for Berlin claims that their attacks there broke in vain against the Teuton lines.

Slavs Gain In Transcaucasus

But in the Transcaucasus district, particularly around Lake Van, the Slavs are moving as steadily forward as a steam roller, to which the march of the Grand Duke Nicholas has been compared. The Turkish and German troops there are reported to be falling back as fast as possible.

REHEARING DENIED BY SUPREME COURT IN CASE OF PRINCE

Presumption of Competency Prevails In Favor of Queen, Says Highest Tribunal

DELEGATE AGAIN BEATEN IN TRUST LITIGATION

Reaffirms Liliuokalani's Right To Discontinue Use of Her Name In Action

The supreme court on Saturday denied a rehearing to Circuit Judge Stuart, Jonah Kuhio Kalanianaole, Lorin Andrews and others, as mentioned briefly in The Advertiser yesterday. The high tribunal recently held that Queen Liliuokalani had a right to discontinue the equity suit brought by Kuhio in her name to cancel her trust deed, such discontinuance to run insofar as the Queen's name was concerned.

The opinion of the supreme court in refusing to rehear the matter is, in full, as follows:

"The respondents Stuart, Kalanianaole and Andrews have filed petitions for a rehearing of this matter. None of these parties claim that the ruling which discharged the temporary writ was erroneous.

"Mr. Andrews' petition is based on the ground that the court, at the hearing, excluded argument on the question whether one whose competency is a question may discontinue a suit. Mr. Andrews, who appeared merely in a representative capacity, was not adversely affected by the discharge of the writ.

Wrong Of Right Ruling

"A general rehearing will not be granted merely because a wrong meaning has been given for a right ruling, nor upon the application of one who was not adversely affected by the decision. The petitions of the other respondents are not for a general rehearing but for the limited purpose of (1) striking out all reference to her (the Queen's) right to file a discontinuance, or what the record shows in regard to the same, excepting as an assumption of the court, and (2) to strike out all of said opinion beginning with the words 'We further hold that the Queen' down to and including the words 'is not entitled to maintain the writ.'

"These petitions also are based on the ground that agreeably to the wish of the court, expressed at the hearing, counsel had restricted their arguments and therefore did not cover all the points upon which the decision of the court rested.

"We think that an application for a rehearing may be maintained in an original proceeding in this court; also that where the application is for the limited purpose of correcting a misstatement of fact, or an inadvertent form of expression, or possibly, of substituting a right for a wrong reason for a right ruling, where the reason assigned is detrimental to the movant the application may be made by the prevailing as well as by the unsuccessful party.

Holds Again For Queen

"It is true that the argument at the hearing was limited, but the whole case had been briefed by respective counsel, and additional written arguments have been filed with the present applications for hearing.

"The suit to set aside the deed of trust was predicated upon the ground of undue influence which presupposes mental competency, and insanity was not alleged. We re-affirm the view expressed in the oral opinion that the presumption of competency prevails in favor of the Queen. If we entertained any doubt as to the correctness of the ruling heretofore made, or to the reasons therefore, we would, under the circumstances, allow a reargument of the whole matter, but being satisfied that the writ was properly discharged upon both the grounds given in the opinion we do not see that anything is to be gained by allowing further argument.

"The petitions are dismissed under Rule 5."

BIG MAUI RANCH TO BE SOLD AT AUCTION

Judge Edings yesterday afternoon approved the application of W. T. Robinson, trustee of the estate of John Ferreira, deceased, to sell certain real estate in the Makawao district, says the Maui News of last Friday. The property in question is ranch land, and an upset price of $40,000 was stipulated by the court. The bond of the trustees was fixed at $45,000.

PLANS FOR PIPE LINE ARE SENT FOR ESTIMATE

Plans of the proposed pipe lines with laterals to be installed by the new Hilo gas company have been sent to the Coast for an estimate on the cost. It is said that the new company will not compete in the lighting service, but only for fuel purposes at this time.

A LIFE SAVER.

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SUSSEX SUNK WITHOUT ANY WARNING, SAY ALL REPORTS

Affidavits Obtained From Passengers By American Consuls Declare Teuton Raider Destroyed British Steamer Wantonly

SUBMARINE CONTROVERSY AGAIN AT CRITICAL EBB

Women and Children Panic-Stricken When Vessel Is Torpedoed: Number of Americans Lost Cannot Be Determined

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, March 27.—"No doubt whatever remains that the British steamer Sussex was sunk by a submarine, without warning."

So reads the French official report, which is based upon the affidavits obtained from American passengers on board the steamer when she was attacked, and the report is substantiated by detailed statements secured by the American consuls at different French ports, who were ordered to investigate the Sussex case and sent in their reports as soon as possible.

These reports began reaching the state department yesterday afternoon, and officials admitted that they bring once more to an acute stage the long unsettled submarine controversy between this country and the Teutonic Powers. No hint beyond that admission could be obtained of what this government intends doing in the matter, but it was intimated that what action is taken is to be taken at once and pressed to an end.

Another 'Crisis' Is Imminent

There is a marked feeling in official circles here that matters cannot be allowed to drag along in the way they have been doing, much longer. The sentiment of the country is said to be such that definite action is the only thing that will satisfy.

The practical certainty that a number of Americans beside Miss Baldwin, reported to have been lost yesterday, went to their death when they boarded the Sussex, and the long delay in the German compliance with American demands will, it is believed, combine in compelling the administration to move promptly.

"There was no warning whatever," says one of the affidavits obtained from an American passenger in the Sussex and forwarded to the authorities here.

"The explosion came out of a clear sky, so to speak, wrecking one whole side of the steamer, and throwing men and women into the sea."

Panic Among Passengers

There appears to have been a panic-stricken rush for the lifeboats by the women and children in the women's saloon, near where the torpedo exploded, but according to the details received here only three Americans managed to reach the lifeboats. After these were lowered one of the boats was overturned by the rush of the waters alongside the steamer.

The explosion is said to have injured several of the passengers, and it is feared that a number of Americans have been lost.

Despatches from London said last night that as yet it has been impossible to reach any definite estimate of the number of lives lost in the attack upon the Sussex.

TWO BRITISHERS SUNK

LONDON, March 27—The submarine war is still on in earnest, as evidenced by the sinking of the former Atlantic Transport liner Minneapolis in the Mediterranean yesterday.

The steamer was one of the best known of the minor Transatlantic ships before the war, and was comparatively new. No details have been received as to the fate of her crew.

Another victim of a German torpedo was the British steamer Fennybridge, sunk at sea. Her crew succeeded in reaching land safely.

PART OF TORPEDO FOUND

LONDON, March 27.—The Dutch ministry of marine issued a formal statement last night announcing that a large piece of bronze found in one of the lifeboats of the liner Turbantia, believed to have been torpedoed off the coast of Flanders, is part of a torpedo. The investigation into the sinking of the Turbantia is proceeding.

HOUSTON IS VISITED BY DISASTROUS FIRE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

HOUSTON, Texas, March 27—Half a million dollars worth of cotton and railroad cars went up in smoke last night when a fire swept the railway yards of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas line here. The great cotton sheds were almost destroyed, and the yard buildings and offices burned.