

**SUBMARINE SANK TUBANTIA, ASSERT LINER'S OFFICERS**

Eight to Twelve Lives Believed Lost—One Boat Reported Missing

SAY TORPEDO WAS SEEN

Three Americans on Board. Dispatches Insist All Saved. Dutch Start Probe

THE HAGUE, March 17.—It was reported today that the Dutch Government would send a strong note of protest to Berlin as a result of the sinking of the Tubantia. This indicates that the Ministry of Marine has become convinced that the Tubantia was torpedoed.

LONDON, March 17.—It is now believed that from 8 to 12 persons lost their lives when the Dutch liner Tubantia was sunk in the North Sea Thursday morning. A telegram from Amsterdam quotes the Dutch Minister of Marine as saying: "It has not yet been ascertained whether the Tubantia was mined or torpedoed, but both possibilities have been mentioned."

On the other hand, a telegram to the Telegraph from Rotterdam says: "Information just received involves all doubt that the Tubantia was torpedoed. The torpedo was seen approaching the ship by the leader of the vessel, exactly amidships, about three yards below the water line, causing an enormous explosion and tearing a big hole through which the water poured. Passengers are reported to have been thrown about and lost their lives in the explosion and that one of the lifeboats capsized after it had been launched. The survivors suffered terribly from the cold. The night was foggy and rainy."

There were at least three Americans on board, all of whom are believed to have been saved. Reports brought to shore by survivors and picked up from the water. Among the survivors landed at Maastricht, Holland, are Richard Schilling, who is said to be an employee of the American consular service, his wife and daughter; Ernest Garcia, secretary of the American consulate in Rotterdam; and Dr. Salinas Vega, Bolivian Minister to Germany, and his family. At Flushing, where the tug Hine landed 23 survivors, it was reported that two or three passengers had been drowned and that one of the lifeboats had been lost. Survivors at Flushing also maintained the fact they could see several searchlights nearby. The masts and cargo of the Tubantia were lost.

**BELIEVE LIFEBOAT LOST.**  
Captain H. K. Wytens, master of the Tubantia, expressed the belief that one of the lifeboats, containing 15 passengers, had been smashed. He did not know how many of the persons were picked up from the water. The collector of customs at Amsterdam, as well as other officers of the ship, believe she was attacked by a submarine.

**AMSTERDAM, March 17.**—Evidence given by officers of the Dutch liner Tubantia to representatives of the Dutch Ministry of Marine in the city of Amsterdam, and by a submarine, was torpedoed without warning. It was announced today that 277 survivors from the Tubantia had been landed at various Dutch ports. The report would indicate that at least 10 are still missing, as it was stated yesterday that the Tubantia carried 87 passengers and a crew of 200 or more. Affidavits made by the first and fourth officers declare that the liner was torpedoed, according to an official announcement from the Admiralty.

**EXAMINED AT HAGUE.**  
The officers were examined at The Hague. They swore that they both clearly saw the wake of a torpedo just before the Tubantia was struck. The Tubantia's commander, who was quoted as saying he believed the ship might have been torpedoed, was to be examined later. The company's officers experienced the greatest difficulty today in learning whether all persons aboard the Tubantia were saved. Survivors landed at Flushing and arriving at the lightship scattered to hotels without first getting in touch with the company's agents.

**WASHINGTON, March 17.**—Investigation of the sinking of the Tubantia, with Americans aboard, and the reported attack upon the liner Patria, has been ordered by the State Department, acting Secretary Bulk announced today. The Collector of Customs at New York and the Lisbon Consul were asked to report what they know of the Patria case, and a Holland Consul was asked to provide information on the Tubantia case.

**ENGLISH POET VOICES PRAISE FOR HOSPITALITY OF AMERICA**

"Far More Charming Than Her Art," Says Lawrence Housman

"Far more charming than either her poetry or her drama is America's splendid hospitality." This is one of the opinions formed by Lawrence Housman, the English playwright and poet, after a month's stay in this country. Mr. Housman, who is here on a lecture tour, gave his first visit to Philadelphia yesterday and was immediately captured by the Equal Franchise Society, his views in favor of woman suffrage being widely known. "While I am asked to talk on poetry and drama," he said, "I frequently pass to the subject of social reform, in which I am deeply interested."

"Man's genius for government has brought us to this war, his comment on the European war. Equal suffrage, however, is essentially the cause of peace, of true democracy and mutual understanding in his opinion. "What might not the peaceful effect have been in Europe had the English Parliament granted suffrage 30 years ago, when Gladstone forced the Liberals to break their pledges to the women?" he asked during his address at the Civic Club last night. Mr. Housman believed that the European war has virtually upheld all the arguments put forth by the suffragists regarding woman's value in government and as an economic factor in times of war.

The French life in the war, he continued, brings out the intrinsic characteristics of men with far less hate and more kindness and charity to the soldier's enemy for his enemy than there is extended between the non-combatants at home. "The best, he believes, will eventually establish true international friendship after the war."

**See John U. S. Army Here**  
The United States recruiting officers at the University City Hotel today were surrounded by prospective recruits who are anxious to go to the army line and to get into the service. The officers were very busy, and the line of prospective recruits was long. The officers were very busy, and the line of prospective recruits was long. The officers were very busy, and the line of prospective recruits was long.



GENERAL CHARLES ROQUE, Successor to General Gallieni as French Minister of War.

**FIVE ASSAULTS AT VAUX HURLED BACK BY FRENCH**

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oners and to inflict some losses on the enemy. The night was calm on the rest of the front.

BERLIN, March 17.—Two more assaults have been launched by the French in an effort to dislodge the Germans from their position on Le Mort Homme (Dead Man's Hill), five miles northwest of Verdun, but both were unsuccessful, according to the official statement issued today by the German War Office.

In the first attack some of the French soldiers succeeded in reaching the German lines, where they were captured. It was said, the second assault broke down under the curtain of fire from the German machine guns and the Weverre district. Artillery combats have been very tenacious in Champagne and the Weverre district.

Following is the text of the official report: Six mines were exploded by the English south of Loos without any effect on the enemy. Artillery activity of a very tenacious character has taken place in Champagne and between the Meuse and Moselle River (the Weverre district). The French again attacked the height of Dead Man's Hill. A few companies succeeded in reaching our lines where the few remaining un-sounded soldiers were made prisoners. A second attack was stopped by our curtain of fire.

**BERLIN WILL DISAVOW ATTACK IF PROVED**

Will Also Compensate Dutch, but Believe Liner Hit Mine

BERLIN, March 17.—The German Government will make prompt disavowal of the act of its U-boat commander and pay full compensation, it was stated today, should it be shown that the Dutch liner Tubantia was torpedoed and did not strike a mine. Practically all dispatches received here today from Rotterdam and Amsterdam agreed that the liner was mined. It was stated that though several persons believed the ship might have been torpedoed, no one saw a submarine. Admiralty officials would not comment on the possibility of a German submarine being in the neighborhood where the Tubantia struck.

**HONORS FOR DEAD PASTOR**

Methodists to Attend Funeral of the Rev. Alfred Heebner

Nearly all clergymen now attending the Methodist Episcopal Conference will attend the funeral of the Rev. Alfred Heebner, pastor of the Ridge Avenue Church, Roxborough, Sunday. Mr. Heebner died yesterday morning as he was about to attend the ministers' meeting. He suffered a stroke of paralysis and succumbed a few minutes later. Services will be held in the church of which he was pastor, at 2:30 o'clock, in the afternoon. Interment will follow in the Mt. Moriah Cemetery. The Rev. Dr. George W. Izer, district superintendent, will officiate. Fellow ministers, as well as members of Melita Lodge, of the Masonic fraternity, will be pallbearers. Mr. Heebner was 55 years old. He lived at 7855 Ridge avenue. A widow, three brothers and three daughters survive him.

**Reading Railway Engineer Promoted**

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 17.—R. Boone Abbott, division engineer for the Philadelphia and Reading Railway, with headquarters here, has been appointed superintendent of the Sanbury Division, with headquarters at Tanawaka. The appointment became effective today. Abbott is president of the Engineers' Society of Central Pennsylvania.

**'PUT ON BRAKES,' KEYNOTE IN NEW GERMAN TAXES**

Economy Urged in Budget to Balance Nation's Deficit of \$120,000,000

"THIS IS NATIONAL DUTY"

BERLIN, March 17.—National economy of the strictest kind was demanded today by Doctor Helfferich, Secretary of Finance, when he introduced in the Reichstag the new budget and bills providing for increased war taxes.

"We shall put the brakes on wherever we can," said Doctor Helfferich. "This is not red tape but national duty. It is foresight against the needs of the coming day."

The financial secretary then pointed out that the Government, if revenues by taxation were necessary, notwithstanding the fact that every man believes that peace will bring real advantages to the German Empire.

After pointing out the war expenses not included in the budget, Doctor Helfferich took occasion to say that the war has greatly increased the interest on the national debt, which amounts to \$76,750,000, against \$13,000,000 last year.

The budget balances with a \$120,000,000 deficit, which is to be covered by new taxes.

**ANSWERS CRITICS.**  
Doctor Helfferich criticized sharply certain critics of the Government, who had said that the Government had promised no new taxes would be necessary.

"The thing that I did say," continued Doctor Helfferich, "was that new taxes ought to be avoided as long as the regular budget and the surplus provided by the national debt balanced them and made them unnecessary."

Answering other critics who had charged the Finance Department with showing a lack of originality in making up new taxes, Doctor Helfferich said: "I care more for money than originality."

**URGES ADOPTION OF BUDGET.**  
Doctor Helfferich urged the Reichstag to pass the budget and the tax bills, and to pass the tax bills.

The new taxation, it is estimated, will increase the Government's revenues by about \$2,500,000 a week.

Doctor Helfferich compared the financial strength of Germany with that of England and France, saying: "Up to the present Germany has floated \$5,250,000,000 war loans, whereas France has not raised even \$2,500,000,000 and England has floated less than \$4,750,000,000 in war loans, of which \$3,750,000,000 are short term bonds."

All of Germany's loans are part of the consolidated debt.

During January and February the financial secretary declared the cost of the war for Germany was reduced to \$500,000,000.

**SAVINGS DEPOSITS GROW.**  
German savings banks now contain \$125,000,000 more deposits than in 1914 notwithstanding the fact that \$1,125,000 was withdrawn to apply to the war loans.

"The enemy's campaign of detraction extends even to Germany where paid agents disseminate rumors in order to damage the war loan subscriptions," declared Doctor Helfferich.

Switching over to military affairs, the official said: "Just now a great battle is raging around Verdun. Our troops on the firing line have the right to expect from us that we at home approve worthy of them and that all of us who remain behind give his share by contributing what he can."

The speech of Doctor Helfferich was greeted with loud applause, and as soon as it was delivered the Reichstag adjourned.

**Portuguese Parliament Greet Allies**

LISBON, March 17.—The Portuguese Parliament sent a message of greetings to the Allies today.

**The War Today**

German attacks, launched in rapid succession against the French positions at Fort Vaux and the village of Vaux were broken up by French artillery. The German losses were very heavy, asserts the French War Office.

West of the Meuse the Germans did not renew their attacks on Dead Man Hill and the artillery action in this sector slackened.

Repulse of two French attacks against Dead Man Hill was claimed in an official statement from the German War Office. The first attack reached the German lines, it was stated, but French troops surviving the German fire were taken prisoners. The second attack was stopped by German artillery.

German troops resumed the attack northwest of Dyrink. The resignation of Grand Admiral von Tirpitz has been followed by a split in the Reichstag over the policy toward the United States. The whole situation will be debated next week.

**GERMAN CHANCELLOR UPHELD BY BAVARIANS**

Vote of Confidence Follows Quitting of Von Tirpitz in Clash Over America

BERLIN, March 17.—Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, whose regard for neutral rights caused the resignation of Grand Admiral von Tirpitz, has received a vote of confidence from the Bavarian Ministry, according to Munich dispatches today.

The Chancellor, it is generally understood, has a large majority in the Reichstag. This majority will express itself in emphatic terms during the coming week if the opposition to Bethmann-Hollweg asserts itself.

It is said today that the resignation of Admiral von Tirpitz resulted from his disagreement with Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg over the controversies with America. The Chancellor favors a vigorous submarine policy, but he disagreed with von Tirpitz over the desirability of disregarding the rights of neutrals.

Bethmann-Hollweg, according to Munich dispatches, outlined his policy to the Bavarian Ministry on Wednesday. He declared at the same time that Germany must hold out for a victorious peace.

This speech, it is believed here, furnished the Chancellor with a vigorous address before the Reichstag, a speech that is looked forward to with the greatest interest.

**TROLLEY CREW CENSURED**

Assistant Coroner Scores Men Who Failed to Aid Victim of Accident

The unidentified crew of an unidentified trolley that killed Emanuel Newman, of 1934 North 10th street, was severely censured today by Assistant Coroner Arthur Sellers, at an inquest into the cause of Newman's death. It was said that on February 21, Newman was struck by a trolley at Somerset and Memphis streets, and was thrown against another trolley. It appears at the time there was considerable argument between the two trolley crews as to which car had injured the man the most. The second car went on its way with the result that it was 40 minutes before the injured man could be taken to the Episcopal Hospital, where he died shortly after his arrival.

"Leaving a man as badly injured as Newman was, is the most inhuman act I ever heard of," said Sellers.

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**GALLIENI, FRENCH WAR CHIEF, QUILTS CABINET**

Illness Given as Cause, but He Had Long Feud With General Joffre

PARIS, March 17.—General Joseph Simon Gallieni, Minister of War, has resigned because of ill health and General Charles Roque has been appointed to succeed him.

General Gallieni has been the French Minister of War since October, 1915. Before that he was Military Governor of Paris. When the war began there had been a feud of long standing between General Joffre and Gallieni. With the declaration of war they promised to cooperate for the good of their country.

There has, however, been frequent friction between Gallieni and the French Senate, as a result of which Gallieni has more than once threatened to resign. Ex-Premier Georges Clemenceau, head of the Senate Army Commission, has been an outspoken critic of the Ministry and of the conduct of the war. Much of this criticism has been directed against alleged faults in the French aviation service. General Roque was formerly inspector general of the air service and is an authority on matters of military aviation.

**44 GERMAN SHIPS SEIZED BY BRAZIL**

Same Procedure Caused the Kaiser to Declare War Against Portugal

LONDON, March 17.—Forty-four German ships, of from 15,000 to 20,000 tons size, have been seized by the Brazilian Government, according to a dispatch from Liverpool today. The German vessels were merchantmen which had been interned in Brazilian ports at the outbreak of the war.

Fourteen of the seized ships were in port at Rio Janeiro and 12 others, including the Blucher, were interned at Pernambuco.

It was the seizure of German ships by Portugal that led Germany to declare war against that country.

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