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BREAK WITH GERMANY LIKELY IF THE SUSSEX WAS HIT BY TORPEDO

Three Americans Seriously Injured and Others Aboard Channel Steamer Still Unaccounted for in France or England.

WILSON TO ADVISE CONGRESS

Miss Baldwin, of Baltimore, Taken Unconscious from Vessel. Two Americans Tell of Launching Lifeboats and Helping Wounded After Crash.

The possibility of a break in diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany has been revived as the result of recent alleged torpedo attacks on passenger vessels.

Cabled reports from the American Ambassadors at London and Paris received yesterday, indicate that the Channel steamer *Sussex* was attacked by a submarine. It is not yet certain that Americans lost their lives, but three were seriously injured and several have not been accounted for by diplomatic and consular agents in France and England.

State Department officials discussed the jeopardizing of American lives on the *Sussex*, and the alleged torpedo attack on the British steamer *Englishman*, on which four Americans were reported killed, as likely to force a final reckoning with Germany.

Break Likely if Torpedoed.

This government's action will depend on whether the *Sussex* was torpedoed or mined. If torpedoed, it is thought certain something will be done to hold Germany to accountability, as far as is known, only German submarines have been operating in the war zone around the British Isles.

If the facts show the *Sussex* was torpedoed, it was stated on highest authority yesterday, a break in diplomatic relations with Germany probably would follow.

It was definitely stated, however, that before taking final steps toward severing relations, the President will advise Congress of his intention, and a change in his plans may result.

The State Department yesterday received an extended report from Ambassador Page at London transmitting the joint affidavit of Edward H. Huxley and Francis E. Drake, of New York, who quoted an officer of the British ship that received them as stating that the captain of the *Sussex* reported having seen the wake of the torpedo.

Miss Baldwin Found Unconscious.

The Page report said that three Americans were seriously injured. They were: Miss Elizabeth Baldwin, of Baltimore, taken unconscious on a rescuing boat an hour after the explosion.

Wilders G. Penfield, of Hudson, Wis., a Rhodes scholar at Oxford.

George Herbert Crocker, Jr., of Fitchburg, Mass., en route to Europe, to join a hospital corps.

Another report from Ambassador Sharp at Paris, quoted the American consular agent at Dieppe, France, as stating that the *Sussex* was torpedoed.

Ambassador Sharp also gave a report as to information furnished him by Samuel Bemis, a Harvard graduate, who made a sworn statement of the facts concerning the disaster.

Torpedo's Wake Plain.

Bemis is quoted in a cabled interview as saying he "saw a torpedo coming toward the steamer; the wake was plainly and unmistakably visible."

State Department officials said the Bemis affidavit was not received with Ambassador Sharp's message today.

He repeats in a sworn affidavit what he said in newspaper interviews officials admitted it will go far toward establishing proof of torpedo attack.

The department gave out the text of the affidavit sworn to before a secretary of the American Embassy in London by Huxley and Drake, and forwarded to the department by American Ambassador Page. It follows:

"At five minutes past three when we were about an hour and a half from Folkestone we were seated on the deck talking, a little less than half way back on the starboard side. Without the slightest warning there occurred a loud roaring explosion. Wreckage and tons of water were thrown into the air higher than the masts, and the water came down on the boat as far back as the stern. We went forward and saw the entire forward part of the ship including part of the bridge and the forward mast gone. Some men and women jumped overboard at once, and we threw our rafts and seats to them. We then went to help the women into the life boats and afterward to help the wounded out of the debris.

Launched Six Boats.

"We saw at least fifteen severely wounded and helped with five ourselves. Among these were Dr. Penfield and Miss Baldwin. Altogether six boats were launched. One of these was equipped with its passengers. We supposed twenty-five or thirty people were lost in this boat. We lowered five boats ourselves. Of the remaining five boats, three were filled with passengers and standing off 100 yards. Of the other two, one was nearly full of water and contained only five men. We did not see the sixth boat.

"We know of only three Americans who got into the life-boats, Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin and Miss Baldwin. After ten minutes of watching we decided that as

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France Expects Quick Action Here on Sussex

Special Cable to The Washington Herald. Paris, March 26.—Paris expects quick action by President Wilson on the torpedoing of the steamship *Sussex*.

The Temps says: "President Wilson is not likely to accept a repetition of the dilatory methods adopted by Germany after the Lusitania crime. We do not profess to be able to judge whether he is likely to declare war."

The Journal des Debats says: "After the sinking of the *Sussex* which was unarmed and carried no contraband, none will need longer doubt Germany's intention to wage pitiless submarine warfare."

BRITISH MAKE BIG AIR RAID

Seaplanes Launch Attack on German Airship Sheds at Schleswig-Holstein.

THREE OF ATTACKING CRAFT ARE REPORTED MISSING

Berlin Declares Planes Were Brought Down and Officers Captured. Deny Success of Venture.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald. London, March 26.—The Admiralty reports an attack by British seaplanes yesterday morning on the German airship sheds at Schleswig-Holstein, east of the island of Sylt. The report continues:

"Our seaplanes were convoyed to a rendezvous close to the German coast by an escorting force of light cruisers and destroyers under Commodore Tyrwhitt.

"Three of the seaplanes are missing. The British destroyer *Medusa* was in collision with the destroyer *Laverock*. It is feared that in the stormy weather which prevailed last night the *Medusa* was lost. No missing are felt for the safety of her crew.

"Two German armed patrol vessels were sunk by our destroyers. "No detailed report has yet been received, but from the Danish press it would appear that the operation which was carried out within the enemy's waters achieved its object."

Berlin, March 26.—Five English hydroplanes, from two ships, which were accompanied by a cruiser squadron and a flotilla of destroyers, yesterday morning attempted to attack the German airship sheds in Northern Schleswig. Three of them, including one biplane, were brought down on or near the island of Sylt. The occupants, four English officers and one non-commissioned officer, were made prisoners. The only bombs they were able to drop fell in the neighborhood of the Joyer Water Gate. No damage was done.

It is stated that there is a chance that Miss Hale also is in Paris, although her name is not included in the French official list of survivors.

It is feared that the remaining five lost their lives.

Dover, March 26.—Official figures regarding the losses aboard the French steamship *Sussex*, sank in the English Channel, place the missing tonight at ninety-seven. This does not include three Belgians who died in a hospital.

G. H. Crocker and W. C. Penfield, Americans, are still in the hospital here. The former is unconscious, but the latter today regained consciousness. Penfield is suffering from a fractured leg in addition to injuries to the head.

3 More British Ships Torpedoed

Atlantic Transport Liner Minneapolis Goes to Bottom in Mediterranean.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald. London, March 26.—The 12,542-ton Atlantic Transport liner *Minneapolis*, which had been taken into the government service, was torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean on March 22, according to information obtained here tonight. She was the third British ship reported sunk during the day. The others were the *Fenay Bridge*, of 3,528 tons, and the *St. Cecilia*, of 2,866 tons gross burden.

News of the destruction of the *Minneapolis* is contained in a dispatch from Marseilles, where it was brought by Capt. Bibby, of the British steamer *Lester*, which, just in from Rangoon. The crews of both the *Fenay Bridge* and *St. Cecilia* were rescued.

Find Plate Buried in 1743

Pierre, S. D., March 26.—The State Historical Society has come into possession of the leaden plate which was buried by the Verendrye brothers, French explorers, at the present location of Fort Pierre in 1743, and which was discovered by school children in February, 1913, 173 years afterward.

The plate was purchased by William O'Riley through a fund raised by subscriptions, aided by the State historical expense funds available for such purpose.

GERMANS HOLD JUBILEE OVER LOAN SUCCESS

Announcement that 10,600,000 Marks Have Been Subscribed Causes Joy.

NATION TAKES DAY OFF

Makes Total of 36,600,000,000 from People Since Start of War.

BANKERS PROUD OF RECORD

Minister of Finance Tells Reichstag Result Shows Teutons Are Prepared to Fight to the Bitter End.

By AUGUSTUS F. BEACH. Special Cable to The Washington Herald. Berlin, March 25, via London, March 26 (delayed).—The German people throughout the empire today celebrated in semi-holiday spirit the remarkable success of the fourth German war loan and the dedication of the people themselves to continued prosecution of the war.

Today's celebration made doubly positive the answer of the people given in the Reichstag yesterday to the claim that they are tired of the war and wished peace. In the most enthusiastic session of the Reichstag recently held, Dr. Helfferich, the minister of finance, announced that the fourth war loan amounted to 10,600,000,000 marks, or 600,000,000 marks more than the credit originally asked for.

Nation Takes Day Off. Today, while the schools were closed in celebration of the event and the nation was taking a day off in honor of the occasion, one high official told me that the amount stated by Dr. Helfferich as having been subscribed probably would be considerably exceeded when a more complete count had been made.

In his address to the Reichstag Dr. Helfferich, after announcing, amid stormy applause, the result of the loan, said: "Germany has again proved herself the only belligerent country that can cover all its war expenses by a long term loan. Just as I was able to say last September, I am now again able to affirm that the war is financed for another six months."

"No words of mine can express what it means to a nation of nearly 70,000,000 people to be cut off from the outside world by acts of violence which are contrary to the law of nations; but the remarkable thing is that this nation, which for twenty months has borne the heavy burden of war, now in its twenty-first month, once more offers to the country more than 10,000,000,000 marks."

Shows Determination. Dr. Siegfried Hecksches, of the committee on foreign relations in the Reichstag, said to me today:

"This will show to the world that Germany is determined to fight to the end. I will venture to predict that the fifth war loan will be as readily granted."

Later Herr Havenstein, president of the Reichbank, said to me:

"The result of the fourth war loan was a pleasant surprise. It far surpasses all our hopes. It must be regarded as due to the unconquerable will of the German people, rich and poor, to carry the war to a victorious end, and to give their gold and blood to achieve their purpose."

"It should be emphasized that only half a year has passed since the third loan was subscribed after a great effort. "In this third loan it was perhaps advisable we thought then to give the money market longer opportunity to recover, but we were anxious to catch the turn of the fiscal quarter in order to reach the great incomes. Thus a relatively short term separated the two loans, which makes the present success more remarkable."

Poorer Classes Subscribers. "Our efforts this time were largely directed toward people of small incomes in the cities and in the country. That we succeeded is proved by the fact that the Credit-Genossenschaften (Credit Association), whose clientele is made up of small savers, was among the greatest subscribers. It is also a sign of the intensive work of our industries, commerce and agriculture, that the small subscribers are as numerous as the large ones. Of course, this to a great extent is due to the blockade which compelled us to work with double intensity to make up for the former imports from foreign countries. The fourth loan is just between the second and the third. The first loan gave us four and one-half billions; the second, nine billions; the third, twelve billions; and the fourth, ten and one-half billions.

"This makes the grand total thirty-six and a half billions, all from the German people themselves, without any foreign assistance, to sustain our armies and navy in the combat."

"Unlike our enemies, we have been able to consolidate all our war expenses in long term loans. As a result, the market is not only open to short term credit, but we still have spare money for the next loan."

"I think we have a right to be proud of this financial feat, which I doubt any other nation on earth could equal."

POISON PROBE WIDENING OUT SAYS OFFICIAL

At Least One Other Person Now Suspected with Dr. Waite in Plot.

WOMEN ARE QUESTIONED

Revelation of New Trend in Case Comes After Mrs. Palmenberg Testifies.

MRS. HORTON GIVES DETAILS

Companion of Dentist at Plaza "Studio" Says She Was Promised Handsome Jewels by Accused.

Special to The Washington Herald. New York, March 26.—At least one other person is suspected of having been implicated with Dr. Arthur Warren Waite in the "million dollar poison plot" that resulted in the deaths of John E. Peck, the dentist's father-in-law, and the latter's wife.

This was the startling fact that the district attorney's investigation took today. Very guardedly—and at the moment when members of the Waite and Peck families were seeking to have the defendant "come through" with a complete confession—officials of the district attorney's office and detectives hinted that others were cognizant of Waite's schemes to murder for money.

The sinister revelation came after Mrs. Dorothy Palmenberg, living in West Seventy-second street, had been closeted with Assistant District Attorneys Brothers and Dooling for four hours.

Friend of Mrs. Horton. Mrs. Palmenberg is "next friend" to Margaret Weaver Horton, she of the velvet eyes and the dove-like disposition, who shared a "studio" room with Waite at the Hotel Plaza under the name of "Mrs. A. W. Walters." The examination of the two women has practically absorbed the entire energy of the district attorney's office for two days.

"Is anybody else implicated with Waite?" Dooling was asked when Mrs. Palmenberg had lunched with a show of anger out of his office.

"The evidence we have is sufficient in the case of Waite alone," was the measured and significant reply of the assistant prosecutor.

"You mean that certain phases of your investigation now point to one or more others being implicated with Waite?" "Yes," replied Mr. Dooling.

"Who else knew of the murder scheme beside Waite himself?" "This is so big a point," answered Mr. Dooling, after a pause, "that I don't feel that I should say anything about it at this time."

Wants to Go to "Chair." Waite today moaned out a desire to be taken to the electric chair at once. He expressed a desire to waive all legal formalities.

"Why don't they take me out and have it over with?" he cried at one period of the day.

Waite early in the day begged that Mrs. Horton be sent to him.

He made the request through Raymond Schindler, a private detective, through whom he sought to make an offer of \$1000 to Dora Hillier, the negro maid, to perjure herself.

"Waite is playing a crafty game," said Schindler tonight.

"I don't know whether he has hopes to have Mrs. Horton tell a story that will aid him in some way. I told him he might see Mrs. Horton tomorrow if she and the district attorney offer no objection."

Mrs. Horton said tonight that she was "through with Waite."

Husband Continues Loyal. With her was her husband, Harry Mack Horton, who says he is an engineer. Horton asserted his utmost loyalty to his pretty wife. Husband and wife said they had intended leaving town for the weekend, but the district attorney wishes them to remain.

"Is Mrs. Horton under guard?" Assistant District Attorney Dooling was asked after his interview. "She can't leave," was the reply.

"Is she watched?" "I won't say," responded Dooling. "She is under a continuing subpoena calling for her appearance during a certain period of time."

In his guarded statement Mr. Dooling gave hints indicating that Waite, during the period when he was planning and successfully accomplishing the murder of Mr. and Mrs. Peck for their money, was himself the victim of a certain coterie.

Spent Money Lavishly. Waite spent money on a lavish scale. He always seemed to be well supplied with cash. Mrs. Horton, Dooling revealed today, says that Waite offered to buy her expensive jewelry at Fifth avenue shops.

"She has not yet admitted that Waite bought anything for her," said Dooling, "but we are eliciting new and more important information from her at every interview."

"She now admits that Waite was paying for her tuition at a dramatic school. She was registered here as

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Third Grandchild Born to President Wilson

Philadelphia, March 26.—A third grandchild, a girl, has been born to President Wilson.

The child is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bowes Sayre, of Williamstown, Mass., and was born in the Jefferson Hospital early this morning.

The baby, it is said, will be named Eleanor Axson Sayre, after her grandmother, the first Mrs. Wilson.

VERDUN AGAIN IS BOMBARDED

Continuous Firing Along the Entire Front Reported from Paris.

MALANCOURT SECTOR HIT HARDEST IN GUN DUEL

Infantrymen Meet in Two Sharp Clashes in Caillette Wood, South of Douaumont.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald. London, March 26.—A continuous bombardment on the entire front north of Verdun, which attained its greatest intensity on the Malancourt sector, marked the day, according to the midnight official statement from Paris. During the night sharp infantry actions at two points punctuated the big gun fire by which the Germans apparently are preparing for a new drive.

Foot troops of the two armies met in sharp clashes in the Caillette Wood, south of Douaumont, the Berlin headquarters report today states. The action, minor in character, resulted in some slight success for the Germans.

In the Bois le Pretre, during the night, the French broke up German surprise attacks near Croixdes Charmes.

The Verdun battle front is rapidly extending and a general battle on the entire line from the Argonne to the Vosges promises to develop, according to military critics. Sharp artillery firing and some activity of sappers occurred during the night in the Vosges.

The French artillery is keeping up a violent reply to the Germans and severe damage has been done behind the German lines at some points, according to the Paris midnight statement.

Farmer Ends Life Near Alexandria

Hangs Self from Tree While Family Wait Dinner on Him.

Alexandria, Va., March 26.—George Travers, 22, missed by his wife when she summoned members of the household to the Sabbath dinner, was found hanging by his suspenders from the limb of an apple tree, ninety yards below the house, today. Life was extinct.

Travers and his wife lived on the farm of Daniel Hall, near Springfield, Fairfax County, fourteen miles south of Alexandria. Word of the suicide reached here late today.

A sister and brother of Mrs. Travers were at the home for the Sabbath. They were to have had dinner at 1 o'clock. Shortly before that, Travers, apparently calm and unemotional, said "good-bye" to his wife and left the house.

Later, with dinner on the table, his absence alarmed the household and search was instituted. His lifeless body was found in the orchard.

No motive for the suicide was given. Travers was in good health, it is understood. Travers had three brothers and three sisters living here and also is survived by his mother. There were no children.

Students to Dig Trenches.

Durham, N. H., March 26.—Military trenches, the counterpart, as far as possible, of those in use in Europe, are to be dug and fitted up by the student cadet regiment of New Hampshire College as part of their training for field service, according to an announcement by Lieut. Sutherland, an army officer in charge of the training.

Collie Bets a Bull.

St. Louis, March 26.—Fannie, a Scotch collie, saved the life of John C. Shafer, a farmer and the dog's owner, and John Shafer, father of the dog's owner, on two different occasions last week, when the men were attacked by an infuriated bull, according to a story told in Marine, Ill.

Aged Woman Gets Divorce.

Jackson, Tenn., March 26.—Mrs. Laura Payne, 71 years old, has been granted a divorce from W. W. Payne, 82, on allegations of cruel and inhuman treatment. The couple had been married forty-two years, but have no children.

Old Man Cave Dweller.

Fulton, Mo., March 26.—H. B. Bode, deputy state highway commissioner, has discovered that Callaway county has a cave dweller in one of the bluffs in the hills northwest of Cedar City.

SIX U. S. TROOPERS REPORTED WOUNDED BY MEXICAN PEONS

Carranza Soldiers Declared to Have Aided in Unexpected Attack at El Valle—Several Greasers Killed in Fight, It Is Alleged.

MORMON SCOUT SENDS NEWS

No Official Report of Fighting Yet Made Public—Wounded Americans Said to Have Been Returned to Colonia Dublan.

By H. H. STANSBURY. Special to The Washington Herald.

El Paso, March 26.—A detachment of United States troops was reported to have been attacked unexpectedly by Mexican peons, said to have been aided by Carranza soldiers, at El Valle, last Friday. Six Americans were reported wounded.

MORMON SCOUT GIVEN AS AUTHORITY.

The fire was said to have been returned by the Americans. Several Mexicans were reported killed and eight wounded.

The report of the engagement was brought here today by an official of the Mexican Northwestern Railroad, who left Casas Grandes Saturday morning. He received his information from Guy Taylor, the Mormon scout, who led Col. George A. Dodd's rescue expedition to Colonia Dublan.

No official report of the fighting has been made public and an effort to get official confirmation has been unavailing.

VILLA ESCAPE IS CONFIRMED

Wireless from Pershing Makes Official Announcement of Bandit's Success.

ALSO DECLARES THERE HAS BEEN NO FIGHTING

Nothing Heard from Headquarters Regarding Use of Mexican Central Railroad for Transporting Supplies.

By OTHEMAN STEVENS. Special to The Washington Herald. San Antonio, Tex., March 26.—"Villa has escaped the cordon that was supposed to encircle him. The campaign will now become an endeavor to find his whereabouts."

That is the substance of the facts for publication given out from a wireless message from Gen. Pershing received at headquarters this afternoon.

That there has been no fighting by the Pershing force, that it is heading for the Madera district, that three columns of cavalry are operating south of Nampiquipa, and that the three columns are supported by three other columns of cavalry, were the only further definite facts given to the correspondents.

Territory Explored.

Gen. Pershing has possibly made a thorough exploration of the territory in all directions for tactical purposes and has returned to his headquarters at Casas Grandes. The advanced base at El Valle is being supported by two companies of infantry.

And the "co-operation" from Carranza commands continues as it has been from the start, to be "passive."

Nothing has been heard from Washington relative to the use of the Northwestern or Mexican Central railroads for shipment of supplies. That Villa will not long be able to maintain a supply of ammunition is the belief here.

Look to Rewards To Defeat Villa

View Held on Border Is that Bandit May Be Slain by Peons for Money.

Special to The Washington Herald. San Antonio, March 26.—Among those who know the country and the people and their temperament the greatest hope held for the accomplishment of the mission of the "punitive" column is that the rewards held out for Villa's head will cause some of his disgruntled men to betray him, cut off his head, tie it to a saddle and bring it to camp.

That reward of \$100,000 for Villa, which has been variously announced, would in Carranza money amount to \$1,000,000.

Almost any peon there with a gun might develop the idea that he could live fairly comfortable, as long as he was permitted to live, on \$1,000,000.

Clock 110 Years Old.

Helena, Mo., March 26.—Mrs. Clarissa Ferguson, of this place, has a clock which she says is 110 years old. The clock was first purchased by a Mrs. Tunison of Greenville, Pa., and after it had been in the Tunison family sixty-two years Mrs. Ferguson bought it, in 1881. It has been in Mrs. Ferguson's possession for forty-eight years. It is still running and keeps good time.

Carranza Losing Friends. Carranza is not making friends among the Americans, either military or civil, by refusing to facilitate the operations of the Pershing expedition in the matter of railway transportation. It is pointed out that the Northwestern is not owned by the Mexican government as are many of the other lines. The officials of the line are more than willing that it shall be utilized.

Gen. Bell says a systematic effort will be made to send supplies over the railroads as merchandise or general freight for the present. This leaves the base of supplies at Casas Grandes wholly dependent upon the motor trucks which have already ground the desert trails into an impassable mire of sand and dust.