

TORPEDO AMERICAN FREIGHTER WITHOUT WARNING—ALL OF CREW SAVED

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

All of the crew of 27 were saved. The submarine refused to assist the survivors in the lifeboats.

The report of the torpedoing was issued by the American consul.

The Algonquin was an iron screw steamer of 4,833 tons. It was built in 1890 at Cramp's Philadelphia shipyards.

Washington, March 14.—Sinking of the American ship Algonquin, unwarmed by a submarine, confirmed today the expressed administration belief that Germany would carry her ruthlessness into American shipping, but for the moment did not alter the general situation.

Armed ships will venture forth and for the time being at least will constitute America's defense against Germany's illegal sea methods.

The sinking convinced authorities that they have nothing to hope for in the way of modified procedure on Germany's part.

The Algonquin sailed from New York unarmed when the American ship Rochester started.

While there was general agreement that the Algonquin case does not mean war at present, state department officials regarded the case as extremely serious and as tending to show that Germany is making her acts conform with her threats.

The general views, however, was that, despite the overt character of the case, this government, for the present, is taking all the steps it can through its ship armament policy.

Affidavits from members of the crew of the Norwegian steamer Stordstad, cabled to the state department today, confirmed previous reports that Germany utterly disregarded the

Belgian relief flag when she sank the vessel without warning.

New York.—Officers of the American Star line said today that the consignment of meat from Swift & Co., shipped on the Algonquin, was valued at \$800,000, and that in addition there was a general cargo estimated at about \$700,000, making the total cargo value about \$1,500,000.

GERARD REACHES WASHINGTON—REFUSES TO TALK

Washington, March 14.—Ambassador Gerard reached the end of his 7,000-mile journey from Berlin to Washington at 1:15 this afternoon and his party was met at the station by a large crowd of cheering spectators, friends, relatives, government officials and newspaper men.

Immediately upon arrival Gerard was given a memorandum from the White House, suggesting that he continue to make no comment whatever on the German situation until after he had transmitted his full report to the state department and President Wilson.

Gerard was as closely guarded as the president when he alighted from the train at Union station, a large number of secret service operatives being on hand to accompany him during his stay in Washington.

Gerard reiterated his million-time repeated phrase: "I've kept talkless for 7,000 miles, so I'll have to keep it up a little while longer."

18TH WARD VOTE FRAUDS

Further revelations into the 18th ward vote fraud plot are expected daily following the indictment yesterday of Emil Haucke, Herbert Zelky, Raymond Paez and Dell Carmichael, four Barney Grogan henchmen. Haucke is said to be one of Grogan's right hand men. His bonds were fixed at \$10,000.