

Capt. Borum and nine missing seamen of the City of Memphis, American freighter, are now possibly prisoners aboard the German submarine which sank the ship was conveyed in the second of two dispatches received today from Consul Frost at Queenstown.

The captain's boat was found at 11 o'clock with indications of hasty abandonment, the captain's papers being found in a biscuit tin in the boat.

24 OF CREW OF SUNKEN YANKEE VESSELS MISSING

London, March 19.—American consular reports today showed 24 men unaccounted for from the three American steamers sunk by German submarines and reported yesterday.

They are as follows:

City of Memphis: Captain Borum, four Americans and four men of other nationalities of the crew still missing.

Vigilancia: Third mate, fourth engineer and thirteen men still missing.

The crew of the tanker Illinois were all saved.

MARKHAM CALLS SINKING OF CITY OF MEMPHIS OVERT ACT

Destruction of the steamship City of Memphis by a German submarine constitutes an "overt act" in opinion of President Charles H. Markham of the Illinois Central railroad, which owned the ship.

"The vessel was flying an American flag, was manned by an American crew and was unarmed," Markham said today. "She carried a cargo of cotton from the United States to France in January. On her way across she was stopped by a submarine, but was allowed to proceed after her papers had been examined. She left Cardiff on her homeward voyage March 16.

"There seems to have been no reason to sink the ship, except that she was in the restricted zone. The government should take action without

any presentation of facts from me if there is sufficient cause, and I shall make no protest to the president."

BRITISH DRIVE CONTROLS 500 SQUARE MILES OF TERRITORY —RETREAT IN ORDER

London, March 19.—Greatest occupancy of territory by any belligerent since German sweep toward the Marne thrilled England today. Allied forces this time are gainers. German line has given way.

Nearly 500 square miles of territory between Arras sector and river Oisne have been added to allies' holdings.

German retreat was not headlong flight, but methodical, systematic turning back from untenable positions to others, doubtless long and carefully prepared.

Retreat has undoubtedly been accelerated by allies' unexpected superiority—unexpected to the Germans. They have surprised enemy with the vigor of pursuit.

Lack of reports of any considerable losses of men and materials by Germans indicate withdrawal was far from disorderly retreat.

There was much guessing as to new line to which Germans are retreating. One most favored by military experts was from Donai to Cambrai, St. Quentin, La Fere and Soissons.

At some places thrust forward carried allied troops ten miles into territory formerly occupied by Germans.

Paris. — 100 towns and villages have been occupied by French troops in last three days of advance on western front.

Berlin, via Sayville Wireless.— "During last few days a strip of land between district of Arras and the Aisne has been systematically evacuated by us," declared official statement. "Strategic movements prepared long ago were carried out without our being disturbed by the enemy."