

SUBMARINE CHASES LINER WITH MANY AMERICANS ABOARD

Red Star Ship Lapland, Bringing 106 Passengers to New York, Escapes.

ENGLISH PRESS INDIGNANT

Makes Attempt to Sink Ocean Steamship Ground of New Appeal for Reprisals.

LONDON, March 12.—Fresh outbursts of indignation over Germany's submarine warfare came from the British press today.

For the first time, according to dispatches received here from Liverpool, one of Von Tirpitz's under-sea fighters has attempted to sink an ocean liner, with 106 passengers aboard.

The Red Star liner Lapland, bound for New York, was the reported target. She carried many American passengers. According to a message from Liverpool a German submarine pursued her as she slipped out of the Mersey. She crowded on full steam and escaped.

Press Demands Reprisals. The officers of the Red Star line refused to confirm the report. Liverpool correspondents said the news was received there in a brief wireless message. The British newspapers generally accepted the story as true and made it the subject of new appeals to the government to order drastic reprisals.

The Lapland sailed at noon yesterday. She carried twenty-one salons, thirty-six cabins and forty-nine staterooms. Passengers under the British flag, and a heavy mail cargo. According to reports from Liverpool she had just cleared the bar at the mouth of the Mersey when she sighted the periscope of the submarine, lying in wait.

The captain of the coaster, the Helen, arriving in Liverpool several hours after the Lapland departed, brought word that a submarine was lying off the mouth of the Mersey.

Torpedo Misses Mark. He reported that one of the untersee-boats shot a torpedo at his vessel eight miles northwest of Mersey bay, and that it missed its mark by only twenty yards.

The morning newspapers today laid much stress on reports from The Hague that twelve of Germany's finest submarines have gone to the bottom since the submarine "blockade" was decreed. They predicted an early abandonment of the submarine campaign against merchantmen.

Dr. Abram Simon Speaks Before Hebrew Women

A large audience filled the rooms of the Young Women's Hebrew Association, 1330 Tenth street northwest, last night, where the Rev. Dr. Abram Simon, rabbi of the Washington Hebrew congregation, was the principal speaker at a meeting in the interest of the membership campaign. Miss Bertha Cleitch, national vice president of the association, also addressed the meeting. A musical program included solos by Mrs. Charles Finkelstein, of Wilmington, N. C., and Mrs. Gordon, of this city. Miss Sadie Bloom was accompanist.

Battered Sea Rover Is Resting on Dry Dock

Anomaly Among Ocean Craft Appeals Like Placid-Faced Old Woman With Bludgeon Hidden Behind Her Skirts—Never Fired On.

By KENDRICK SCOFIELD.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., March 12.—Like a battered leviathan cast from the waters on an alien beach, the Prinz Eitel Friedrich, so lately the terror of shipping in the south Atlantic, lies this morning above the reach of wave and tide in a dry dock just below the city.

Her barnacled strakes show in all their nakedness the manner in which the sea has had its way of her. Yet even trussed up so that her defects may be repaired, the German converted auxiliary still presents the greatest anomaly in the way of seacraft which has visited this port in many years.

Great five and six-masted schooners lie along the water front side by side with those veterans of shipping now almost extinct, the square-rigged ship, a whaleback cargo boat ungainly and strange, which lies stranded below her. Yet all those strange craft and their sister ships belong to some one class and rig, while the Prinz Eitel Friedrich belongs exclusively to no particular category.

Bludgeon Behind Skirts. The sailormen look at her and shake their heads, as if the sight of the guns peeping out above her hull, which is on a level with the water, is on a par with the sight of a passenger boat, affected in the same way, the sight of a placid faced old lady hiding a bludgeon behind her skirts might appeal to them.

Nor do the anomalies of the Prinz Eitel cease with her lines and her armament. Aboard her crop out the strangest of contradictions among the most ancient of ship's company. The ravaging days of privateersmen and bearers of letters of marque and reprisal.

Take for instance her second captain. He commanded the Prinz Eitel in the most oddly assorted ship's company and more addicted to plowing the sedate sea lanes of trans-Pacific passenger traffic, and he looks like a man whose present uniform in which gold lace predominates, sets but ill upon his slightly stooped shoulders.

His Labor of Love. When the newspapermen, who were the first to arrive on the scene after the converted auxiliary dropped her mudhooks out at Newport News, boarded the German, and asked for "an ode of the cruise of the raider," they were turned over to the second captain. Ponderously he recites the exploits of the aged old liner, who in her age has been sent to the sea of war.

He told of the prizes she had taken in the most casual of tones. He recounted the last plunge of the stricken prizes with the same manner in which he has probably used in the past years in reprinting a recalcitrant steward, and when it was all over, he rose, and with a glass of water. He stood pensively and poured it upon a few sick looking geraniums and as he performed his labor of love, the only note of enthusiasm manifest in the entire interview crept into his voice.

"I brought them all the way from Easter Island," he said. There is a chow dog aboard the Prinz Eitel. He came from Tsing-Tao at the time the auxiliary was pursuing her peaceful calling. Normally, perhaps, a chow dog might have nothing in common with his gray ape, but apparently, having imbibed some of the anomalous atmosphere which prevails aboard the craft, these two have become fast friends, and have admitted into their circle a dog of less aureate origin than this Celestial dogship.

They are the mascots of the triple crew of the vessel, an institution which

MAJ. J. C. CASTNER AT MILITIA OFFICE

New Adjutant General of D. C. N. G. Visits Headquarters to Meet Men of Command.

Major Joseph C. Castner, U. S. A., who is supposed to succeed Lieut. Col. Almon L. Parmer as adjutant general of the District Militia April 1, visited guard headquarters yesterday afternoon. He discussed present activities of the guard with the adjutant and became acquainted with the men in the office. Major Castner is expected to be a frequent visitor to the offices until he takes up his new duties.

Notice was received at guard headquarters today from the adjutant general of the army that the application of Maj. Romulus A. Foster, of the Medical Corps, N. G. D. C., for retirement had been favorably acted upon. His retirement dates from March 10, 1914. Foster, who is sixty-four years old, has been connected with the Medical Corps for twenty-seven years. In forwarding his application for retirement to the adjutant general of the guard, Chief Surgeon L. H. Teichelderer paid the following tribute to Major Foster for his long faithful service in the Medical Corps. His attendance at all camps has been unflinching and he has given at all times his best efforts in far greater measure than were called for merely by his obligations.

A son of thirty days' imprisonment, was imposed upon gunner's mate, third class, John Murphy, of the Naval Battalion, in summary court, in W. Stourmy, in summary court, in the armory. Murphy was charged with absence from drill and absence without leave.

SPURNED BY GIRL, ASKS SUNDAY'S AID

PHILADELPHIA, March 12.—"Billy" Sunday was in the midst of one of his most eloquent nights of pulpit oratory when a young man rushed forward to the sacred aisle.

His features tense, his head held high, the young man ran straight up to the evangelist, crying: "I want your help! I want to know whether I'm wrong! Mr. Sunday, help me!"

Mr. Sunday was vexed. It was the third time within as many minutes that his sermon had been interrupted.

"Are you a newspaper man?" he demanded. "No, I want your help."

"The end seat," said Mr. Sunday. "We'll see about you after the service."

But the young man was too agitated to maintain silence, and he was led out of a side door.

He was a wanderer, he said. He had been swerving from a sailor before the mast to a soldier in Villa's army. Some time ago he was in Munich, Ind., and there he met his fiancée. He didn't tell her name. His name, he said, was Charles Henderson, and his home was originally in this city.

"I've been under a great mental strain," he said. "The girl promised to marry me, and shortly afterward she disappeared. They told me she was a motion picture actress, and I've looked for her on the screen for months in dozens of cities, but I can't find her and I thought Mr. Sunday might pray for me."

Moonshiner of Nine Captured By Posse

Laq Operates Whisky Still in Mountains of West Virginia.

BLUEFIELD, W. Va., March 12.—Thomas Hurt, deputy United States marshal, with a posse, captured the youngest moonshiner on record, twenty miles from Norton, in the person of Willie Hubbard, nine years of age. The posse found the Hubbard boy, with a cousin, eighteen years old, operating a still with a capacity of thirty gallons.

GUARD AT NEW YORK HARBOR INCREASED

In spite of denial that there is any purpose of German vessels in New York harbor to rush to sea, the manner in which this Government is assembling vessels at New York harbor to watch over the strict preservation of neutrality is causing comment.

The Administration will undertake a more careful system of patrolling than was in force through the winter months. The naval yacht Dolphin has gone to New York and the destroyers McDougal and Drayton and the coast guard cutter Mohawk has been ordered there. The evidence of the Government is to make it doubly certain that no violations of neutrality occur.

Miss Wheeler Describes Work of Diet Kitchen

An account of the work accomplished by the Washington Diet Kitchen was given by Miss Estelle Wheeler at the meeting of the Women's Alliance of All Souls' Church this morning. She emphasized the importance of supplying babies with properly prepared and sterilized milk and described the care given each case that comes before the association.

Charles S. Donaldson Speaks on Foreign Trade

Charles S. Donaldson, chief of the division of consular reports of the Department of Commerce, is tonight's speaker in the Y. M. C. A. series of free lectures on foreign trade. Mr. Donaldson's talk will be on "Foreign Commercial Conditions and Opportunities." These lectures are being held each Friday evening in March and April.

His Sacrifice. "George, where are your school books?" "When notices appeared that books were wanted for the wounded, I gave mine to them."—Humoristick Listy (Prague).

Murderous Recreation. Wegley Kadins, who is employed in a moving picture theater in Sioux Falls, arrived Saturday to spend a two weeks' vacation shooting and visiting his parents and friends.—Webster (S. C.) Reporter.

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