following paraphrase of the statements made by the two Americans:

"The explosion occurred at 3.05. An hour and a half from Folkstone. Explosion occurred without the slightest warning.

"Some men and women jumped overboard at once. Six boats were launched, one capsizing with passengers.

"At least fifteen people were severely wounded, among them Dr. Wilder G. Penfield, George Herbert Crocker, and Miss Baldwin.

"At 11:70, a French ship came up and took off the women and children and half the men, and Miss Baldwin, who was unconscious. Four or five other boats then came up and took the men to England.

"One man died on the way to England. Five dead were left on the hulk, no Americans among them.

"Know of only three Americans who got into life boats. They were Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin and Miss Baldwin."

The two Americans said the wireless remained intact. The boilers also remained intact and electric lights burned until the passengers left the ship.

This disposes of any claim that might be made that an interior explosion caused the vessel's destruction.

Ambassador Sharp, at Paris, said the American consular agent at Dieppe reported that there were 386 passengers and 55 of a crew on the Sussex.

The consular agent telegraphed Sharp later that 250 passengers had been landed, and that he understood that sixty or eighty passengers had been killed by the explosion.

Ambassador Sharp said that some of the survivors already had reached Paris. One of them, Samuel Bemis, informed him he had seen several persons killed by the explosion.

Overshadows Mexico.

The State Department has no additional advices on the sinking of the Dominion line steamer Englishman, which was reported torpedoed off the British coast with the probable loss of four American lives.

All dispatches from the embassies in Paris and London bearing on the Sussex case were sent immediately to the White House and to Secretary of State Lansing's home.

Whether the State Department will bring the matter personally to the attention of the German and Austrian governments on the evidence now before the department, has not been decided at this time.

Reports of the torpedoing of those two vessels overshadowed the Mexican situation today. No official would forecast what the Government's action might be.

In the last note to the German government on submarine warfare, the reply to the third Lusitania note, sent July 21 last, the United States served notice on the German government that any future submarine attacks imperiling American lives would be regarded as "deliberately unfriendly."

Since then there has been a number of cases where American lives were lost or jeopardized by destruction of vessels, but in no case was legally proved that the vessel was torpedoed.

Investigations of the sinking of the Dutch liner Tubantia, the Norwegian bark Silius, and alleged submarine attack upon the French steamer Patria were in progress when the Sussex and Englishman disasters were reported to the State Department.

These new cases involving loss of American lives bring the submarine issues to a head, and may force the showdown which has been facing the Administraton since the Lusitania was sunk ten months ago.

Will Hold Window Display Contest

A three-day window display contest among Washington merchants is being arranged by the Chamber of Commerce.

The stores are to be divided into five equal classes. Scholarships in the International Correspondent Schools of Scranton, Pa., to consist of complete instruction and a set of textbooks, valued at $500, will be given as prizes.

An invitation is extended to all merchants to enter the contest. Those desiring to co-operate in the movement with the Chamber of Commerce can phone or write Secretary Thomas Grant at the Chamber, and their names will be entered.

The stores are to be divided into the following classes:

Class A—Department, dry goods, millinery, ladies' shops.

Class B—Clothing, men's furnishings, hat and shoe stores, tailor shops.

Class C—Drug, stationery, book, music, art, jewelry, china, cigar, confectionery, photographers' studios.

Class D—Hardware, carriage and harness, sporting goods, leather, automobile, furniture, wall paper and paint stores, electrical and plumbing.

Class E—Grocery and provision stores, bakeries, meat markets, florists' shops.

Southern States to Gain From the Panama Canal

Southern States will be the first to profit from development of the fertile country adjacent to the Panama Canal Zone, Brig. Gen. William C. Gorgas declared in an address before the Southern Society at the Willard last night.

Remarkable results have been achieved in a comparatively short period, particularly in the matter of beraking up malaria and yellow fever in the tropical zones, he pointed out.

General Gorgas, who has won a world-wide reputation for his work in making the Canal Zone sanitary, discussed the general subject of "Sanitation in Tropical Countries."

Chile Threatens Berlin; $12,000,000 is Demanded

ROME, March 26.—It is reported here that Chile has decided to seize German and Austrian ships unless Germany restores to her $12,000,000 which was deposited in Germany before the war for the conversion of Chilean paper currency.

Germany is said to be withholding the deposit with the object of averting the seizure of the ships, but Chile has decided to hasten the payment of the deposit, which has already depreciated in value 25 per cent.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

Forecast for the District of Columbia—Partly cloudy tonight. Monday showers and cooler. Gentle to moderate east wind, becoming variable.

Maryland—Partly cloudy tonight. Showers and cooler in the western portion. Monday showers and cooler. Gentle to moderate east winds becoming variable.

Virginia—Partly cloudy tonight. Showers in western portion. Cooler in extreme western portion. Monday showers and cooler. Moderate east winds.

TEMPERATURES.

8 a. m.	47
9 a. m.	49
10 a. m.	54
11 a. m.	58
12 noon	62
1 p. m.	63
2 p. m.	63

SUN TABLE.

Sun rose.....5:54 Sun sets.....6:18

TIDE TABLE.

High tides—12:40 a. m. and 1:14 p. m.
Low tides—7:17 a. m. and 8:21 p. m.

Light automobile lamps at 6:48 p. m.

SUSSEX TORPEDOED, OFFICIAL REPORT

High English Official on Channel Liner Aided in Work of Rescue.

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went raving mad when the explosion occurred and jumped overboard.

Premier Asquith, Lord Kitchener, and other members of the British cabinet were expected to go to Paris late this week or early next, to attend the allied war council. It is possible the "very high English personage" referred to was one of these.

The statement, issued by the ministry of marine, said that the Sussex's captain saw a torpedo about 100 yards distant, and made a vain effort to maneuver his ship to safety. The ministry of marine estimated that fifty lives were lost.

Another party of Sussex survivors reaching London late tonight quoted the captain as saying that he saw the wake of the torpedo fifty feet from the ship. He signaled to the helmsman to swing the steamer about in a desperate effort to save the vessel, but was too late.

Ambassador Sharp has obtained affidavits from several American survivors. He is not yet convinced that any Americans lost their lives, in view of the contradictory reports.

The naval and military attaches of the American embassy, including Perival Dodge, are in Boulogne. They plan to question the officers of the channel steamer and to examine the hull of the Sussex when she is dry docked.

Americans Testify.

Three American passengers are ready to testify that a torpedo struck the Sussex.

The first train carrying survivors of the Sussex reached Paris yesterday.

Among the arrivals in Paris were several Americans, who went to the American embassy and made depositions. Several of the Americans said they distinctly saw the furrow of a torpedo for some 200 yards before it reached the steamer.

For a time it was believed at the embassy here that Robert W. Bliss, secretary of the embassy, and his wife, were on board the Sussex. Later on definite news reached the embassy that Mr. and Mrs. Bliss were not aboard, but that they had taken the Southampton-Havre route in crossing the channel.

American passengers on the Sussex say that several were killed aboard the vessel and that several were thrown into the water and drowned. Lists of the survivors or the lost are not yet available.

The various accounts of the sinking of the steamship vary in regard to her position at the time of the disaster. According to one version she was a little more than halfway across the channel. Other versions say that she was about six miles from the French coast. The embassy is convinced that the Sussex was sunk by a torpedo, not by a mine, and that sufficient evidence on this point was taken from persons who saw the track of a torpedo.

An English passenger says thirty persons were killed aboard and twenty drowned through falling overboard as a result of the shock of the explosion or of jumping for the boats.

The whole forward part of the bow was blown off. This passenger says he saw a woman lying dead on the deck whom he knew from previous conversation with her to have been an American. He did not know her name. He places the time of the explosion at 3 o'clock.

Survivors say that the only physician aboard was an American woman, whose work in caring for the wounded and those rescued from the water is highly praised. The survivors seen did not know the woman's name.

Several British naval officers are said to have been aboard the Sussex and to have sent reports to the admiralty giving details of the disaster. It is reported that these officers picked up pieces of steel from the deck and are forwarding them to the admiralty.

Conflicting Reports.

A dispatch said that Elizabeth Baldwin was in a Boulogne hospital suffering from a broken leg and other injuries.

It is possible that this may be true, and that her father and mother remained behind with her at Boulogne, though none of the Americans reaching Paris tonight could recall having seen the Baldwins after the explosion. The fear is growing that they may have been lost.

A Lloyd's dispatch from Dover tonight reported that Miss Baldwin, the American girl reported injured, is dead. The dispatch also added G. H. Crocker, of Fitchburg, Mass., to the number of injured, stated that Crocker and W. G. Penfield, of Hudson, Wis., have fractured skulls.

Lloyd's listed among the missing Americans, Miss Gertrude Barnes, of New York, a buyer for Wanamaker's, who was en route for Paris, and Miss Hilton, of New York. Both Miss Barnes and Miss Hilton, however, are reported rescued in other dispatches.

Edward Huxley, president of the United States Rubber Export Company, and Francis E. Drake, European manager of the company, were rescued and are safe in London. They report that there was a heavy loss of life on the vessel. Mr. Huxley says that several passengers and a number of the crew were undoubtedly killed by the explosion.

Fire Causes Damage Of $175,000 in Norfolk

NORFOOLK, March 26.—Fire today destroyed the Progress building, in Water street, and the plant of the Colonial Cereal Company in Brambleton avenue.

The total damage will reach $175,000. The Progress building was occupied by several big industries including the big cold storage plant of Libby, McNeill & Libby.

The origin of the fire is unknown.

Strattan Funeral Will Be Held Tomorrow

Funeral services for Mrs. Priscilla Jane Stratian, wife of Col. Samuel R. Strattan, who died Friday, will be held from her residence at the Columbia, 1101 Girard street northwest, at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Stratian is survived by a son, Rudolf R. Strattan, and two daughters, Miss Mabel L. Strattan and Mrs. Mack Williams.

Interment will be made at Rock Creek Cemetery. The funeral will be private.

Lenten Devotions Will Be Conducted Tonight

With special reference being given the feast of the Annunciation, known as "Mothers' Union" day, preparatory services to the closing of two weeks' city-wide mission tonight were held today in Washington Episcopal churches.

The special Lenten devotions which have been in progress for two weeks, will conclude tonight with elaborate exercises, including sermons by distinguished clergymen of the Episcopal faith from abroad who have been conducting the missions

EYEWITNESS TELLS STORY OF HEROISM

J. H. Hearley Describes Rescue by American of Girl Who Jumped From Deck.

By JOHN HEARLEY.

(United Press staff corresponrent, who was aboard the Sussex.)

PARIS, March 26.—Curiosity saved the lives of at least a dozen Americans aboard the channel liner Sussex.

An aeroplane hove in sight just before the explosion. With a dozen other Americans I was standing at the prow of the boat, but rushed to the stern to watch the circling birdman.

While we were there admiring the skill of the aviator we heard a muffled roar. I ran forward and saw the whole front of the Sussex crumpling away as a huge spurt of water threw debris upon the deck.

All grabbed life preservers and ran for the upper deck. Four civilians launched a lifeboat and dropped it over the side.

Our boat had just struck the water when we heard a scream from a girl on the upper deck. The next instant she jumped, landing squarely in the middle of the boat. Several of us threw out our arms and broke her fall, so that she was practically uninjured.

"I am Miss Hilton, from New York," she told us when she had recovered her breath.

Her mother, Mrs. Edward Hilton, was among the survivors landed at Boulogne and included in our party, which arrived in Paris tonight.

Meanwhile passengers were jumping by the dozen. We picked up several and so did other boats that had been lowered. Our boat sprang a leak, and, despite our efforts to plug the seams, threatened to sink at any moment.

Samuel Bemis, of Medford, Mass., who was en route to join an ambulance corps at the French front, was the hero of the Sussex disaster. A woman floundering in the water near our boat screamed loudly for help, and then sank beneath the waves.

Bemis leaped into the water and swam to her rescue. He brought her to our boat and we dragged her in. The sides by this time were so nearly level with the water that to drag Bemis into the boat was to court disaster.

With a wave of his hand, Bemis rolled over on his side and swam away as carelessly as if he were playing in the waves at a summer resort. Certainly few men have faced possible death with a lighter heart.

By this time the Sussex under the head of steam she carried when she was struck was two miles away from us. Bemis spied a raft some distance away, swam to it, and clambered aboard.

The Sussex finally came to a dead halt. When we observed that she was not sinking we pulled back, making our way slowly for fear that a chance wave might capsize our heavily laden, leaking boat.

We found those passengers who had not left the ship gathered forward about two mangled bodies and engaged in caring for the wounded. The bodies of these two were the only ones found on the Sussex. Most of the victims were blown off the ship by the shock of the explosion.

After dark we began sending up rockets and cracking out feeble wireless calls from an improvised wireless apparatus. At 11 o'clock the Marie Therese and a tug came alongside and began taking off passengers.

Bowen Stood Off Angry Mexicans With Pistol

EL PASO, March 26.—Lieut. Thomas Bowen, who fell 100 feet while flying near Casas Grandes, has arrived at the Fort Bliss hospital to be treated for a broken nose and bad bruises.

Bowen stated that on a previous, less serious fall, while scouting in Mexico, he was surrounded by a hundred Mexicans, some armed, who cursed him and made threatening advances.

He held them at bay with his army pistol, at the same time working on his aeroplane until he repaired the machine and resumed his flight.

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Daniels Pleads For Genius to Mobilize

Secretary Says Strength of Navy Measured by Engineering Talent of Country.

Declaring the strength of the navy was measured by the engineering talent of the country, Secretary of the Navy Daniels, at the annual banquet of the American Society of Naval Engineers, at the Army and Navy Club last night, urged the mobilization of the nation's scientific genius for the advancement of naval efficiency.

He said that in making up the personnel of the naval board, the various scientific societies of the country had been asked to make the selections, so that not a dozen men would devote their genius to naval invention, but the support of the entire 35,000 scientific men of the country would be enlisted.

"Not in America or in Europe," said the Secretary, "is there to be found a thoroughly dependable engine for submarines or aircraft. As you love your country, work to meet this need."

Mr. Daniels expressed confidence that Congress would appropriate "$500,000,000 for the navy."

Senator Phelan of California indorsed the project for Government ownership of armor-plate plants. It would at least stifle the cry that national defense agitation is engendered by the "armament trusts," he said.

Congressman Ernest W. Roberts aroused much enthusiasm when he declared that the chief trouble of the Administration's naval program was that it didn't go far enough.

J. W. Powell, president of the Fore River Shipbuilding Company, in responding to the toast "The Navy and the Shipbuilders," declared that the Navy Department and the private shipbuilding concerns of the country were working "at arms length," and without harmony.

Rear Admiral W. S. Benson spoke on "The Fleet;" William L. Saunders on "Industrial Preparedness;" Engineer-in-Chief R. R. Griffin on "The Naval Engineer;" and Guy Mason on "The Navy and the Press."

Capt. J. S. McKean acted as toastmaster.

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"Surprise" Suits $10.98
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$2.00 Silk Envelope Chemise at 98c
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