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## SINKING OF THE ARABIC MAY BE "DELIBERATELY UNFRIENDLY ACT"

Attitude of Administration on Latest German Deed Not Yet Made Known

### TWO AMERICANS ARE AMONG THE MISSING

Saving of All But Score of Passengers Considered a Remarkable Feat

Queenstown, Aug. 20.—Several of the American survivors of the Arabic disaster were injured.

London, Aug. 20.—The British steamships Samara of Glasgow and Gladiator of Liverpool have been sunk.

Queenstown, Aug. 20.—The captain and crew of 53 of the steamship New York City were landed here today. The vessel was sunk by a torpedo yesterday.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 20.—Late today Secretary Lansing announced he had instructed the embassy at London and the American consuls in the vicinity to gather affidavits from Americans on board the Arabic.

New York, Aug. 20.—Advice received here today bring a report that the White Star liner Bovic has been torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine. The Bovic has been employed in the Australian service. She was a vessel of 6,500 tons.

Christiana, Norway, Aug. 20.—A German submarine stopped the Norwegian mail steamer Irma within Norwegian territorial waters yesterday, but the timely appearance of a Norwegian torpedo boat on the scene prevented further interference with the mail ship.

London, Aug. 20.—The Spanish steamer Perla Castillo and the Norwegian Sverresborg have been sunk by a submarine. Three members of the crew of the Perla Castillo were saved. The fate of the others on that craft and of those on the Sverresborg is unknown.

London, Aug. 20.—3:35 p. m.—The Swansea Leader reports that the British steamship New York City has been sunk. The crew of the vessel has been saved.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 20.—The official details on which President Wilson will decide whether the sinking of the White Star liner Arabic was an act "deliberately unfriendly" to the United States were still lacking today and meanwhile the president and all other administration officials, while realizing fully the gravity of the new situation between the United States and Germany, were keeping their minds open.

President Wilson left the white house early to motor to Philadelphia to visit his oculist and motor back to the capital this evening. When he is the president's habit to seek seclusion, often riding through the countryside. No officials here doubted that he was giving hours of thought to the Arabic case.

Only two official dispatches had been received and they gave the results of no independent investigation, merely transmitting the reports of the White Star line. The United States will decide its course on the reports of its own officials.

No Warning Given.

Ambassador Page forwarded a White Star report that the ship was torpedoed without warning, and Vice Consul Thompson at Queenstown made a similar report. Neither accounted for Mrs. Josephine S. Brugutere nor Dr. Edmund Woods, the two Americans still missing.

Officials here are thinking about these points:

Whether the Arabic actually was torpedoed without warning.

Whether the Arabic, by having been conveyed on the beginning of her voyage, had, under international law, partaken of the character of her conveyance and waived her right as a noncombatant.

Whether by proceeding to the vicinity of the steamer Dunstable, which had just previously been torpedoed, the

## United States to Break Relations With Germany?

Washington, D. C., Aug. 20.—Administration officials today anxiously awaited details concerning the sinking of the British steamer Arabic of the White Star line by a German submarine.

The last American note to Germany on the sinking of the Lusitania gave warning that would be taken, although if any act in violation of the rights of American citizens on the seas. The note stated specifically that "the lives of non-combatants may in no case be put in jeopardy unless the vessel resists or seeks to escape after being summoned to submit to an examination."

If there was no loss of American lives it was regarded here as unlikely that drastic action would be taken, although if there was it was believed that diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany would be broken off.

### Press Comment

Indianapolis News: The question is not whether American lives were lost—though that would aggravate the offense—but whether the vessel was in jeopardy by the sinking of the Arabic. The questions to be determined are whether the Arabic was torpedoed without warning and whether the Arabic received a summons to stop and refused to heed it.

Cincinnati Free Press: The Arabic has carried an immense amount of war material and it cannot be estimated how many German soldiers have bled as the result of wounds received from American bullets which this ship brought to England and her allies. Therefore, we may be satisfied that the trips of this British ammunition ship have ceased. If our administration cannot be persuaded to stop the unlimited export of arms and ammunition then Germany must protect herself.

Chicago Adenpost: Individuals and newspapers who, without waiting to hear the facts and circumstances of the case, declare the sinking of the Arabic to be a deliberately unfriendly act in the sense of the president's recent note to Germany, and ask expectantly, "Well, what now?" show by this only that they wish and will have, if possible, a break between the United States and Germany. By this they show they are un-American and unpatriotic. America's interest demands peace. No sane man can believe that a war with Germany would benefit this country.

Chicago Journal: The sinking of the Arabic is exactly the same sort of piracy as the sinking of the Lusitania, with the added aggravation of being needless. The Arabic was a slow boat, considerably slower than the latest German submarines. The German commander could have stopped the great liner and given her people a chance for their lives without losing his prey.

## SUBMARINE IS AGROUND

British Underwater Craft is Admitted by the Admiralty to Have Been Lost.

London, Aug. 20.—Official announcement was made today that a British submarine had grounded in the sound. Fifteen members of the crew were saved.

The official announcement follows: "A British submarine, E-13, Lieutenant Commander Layton, on its way to the Baltic, grounded yesterday morning on the Danish island of Saltholm, in the sound.

"Fifteen officers and men are reported to have been saved, while fifteen are missing. Full details will be made known as soon as they are received."

PROTEST WAR LOAN. Denver, Aug. 20.—The German-American alliance of Colorado, through its executive committee, today dispatched a letter to President Wilson protesting against the proposed flotation of a British war loan in the United States. The alliance contends that such a loan would be in violation of neutrality.

ELKS NAME OFFICERS. Iowa City, Aug. 20.—Iowa Elks in convention here today elected E. B. Brandt, Grinnell, president; Frank J. Kiest, Des Moines, secretary; A. Hennigbaum, Davenport, treasurer.

Davenport sets the next convention.

## POWERFUL RUSS FORTRESS FALLS

Twenty Thousand Prisoners Are Taken By Germans North of Warsaw

### LAST BULWARK IN POLAND GIVES UP

Crossing of the Vistula Is Entirely Free to the Invading Forces

Berlin, Aug. 20.—Official announcement was made here today of the capture of the important Russian fortress of Novogeorgievsk with more than 20,000 men.

The statement follows: "The fortress of Novogeorgievsk, the enemy's last bulwark in Poland, has been captured after stubborn resistance."

"The entire garrison, including over 20,000 men and an enormous stock of war material, fell into our hands.

"The emperor left for Novogeorgievsk in order to give the thanks of himself and the fatherland to the leader of the attack, General von Beseler, and his troops."

Fall Foreseen. The capture of Novogeorgievsk had been foreseen since the fall of Warsaw. When the general Russian retreat was made from the Warsaw salient, Grand Duke Nicholas, the Russian commander in chief, elected to leave a garrison in the fortress, rather than evacuate this position, as it was recognized that the only question was how long the defenders would be able to hold out.

The grand duke's decision apparently was due to the strategic position of the fortress. So long as the Russians retained it they were able to stop communication on the Vistula river. Novogeorgievsk is 19 miles northwest of Warsaw and is situated at the junction of the Vistula, Narew and Wkra rivers. On account of its position it was described by an Associated Press correspondent who visited it yesterday, as a second Vicksburg.

For nearly two weeks the fortress had been completely invested by the Germans and several of the outlying forts were captured earlier this week. Novogeorgievsk was strongly defended and was said to have been equipped with sufficient ammunition and food supplies for a long period. Its speedy capture doubtless represents another triumph for the great German and Austrian siege guns. Pieces of the heaviest caliber were brought up for the attack.

Advance Continues.

Berlin, Aug. 20.—The continued advance of the German and Austro-Hungarian troops on the 18th, in the movement to encircle Brest-Litovsk, is described by the correspondent of the Allgemeine Zeitung at Austrian press headquarters. The desperate resistance of the Russians was broken at many points and they were forced to retire to prepared defenses in the immediate vicinity of the Field Marshal von Mackensen's forces pressed forward energetically from the south.

An Austro-Hungarian army corps was pushed across the Bug east of Dobzhynka. Archduke Joseph Ferdinand's troops advanced from Janow and narrowed the circle. Northwest of Brest-Litovsk the German forced a passage across the Bug at several points.

The Russian retreat from Poland is reported to be attended by unprecendented and indescribable misery among the civil population. German officers returning to headquarters report thousands upon thousands of Poles returning in utter want to destroyed villages. Thousands of wagons and refugees block the roads.

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## Russian Capital May Move to Ancient Seat at Moscow

London, Aug. 20.—As the Austrians and Germans press on to the last of the outlying fortresses standing between the Russian capital and the invaders, Petrograd is discussing the advisability of removing the government to its ancient seat at Moscow, always considered the heart of the nation. Kovno is now definitely in the hands of the Germans. The flanking movement of Field Marshal von Mackensen grows more threatening hourly and it would not be surprising if Grand Duke Nicholas should abandon all efforts to form a new line with Brest-Litovsk as the pivot.

From Brest-Litovsk to Osowetz, which seems to be withstanding the assaults of the heavy German guns better than any other fortress, fierce fighting continues with the advantage in favor of the invaders. Riga has again become the center of a struggle on land and sea. Petrograd states that the Russian warships protecting the gulf of Riga were compelled to draw in closer, owing to the superiority of the German squadron.

## TURKS HOLD BACK ALLIES TRYING TO FRESH SOLDIERS LINE UP BALKANS

SITUATION AT THE DARDANELLES UNCHANGED BY THE LANDING OF BRITONS.

Paris, Aug. 20.—The French war office gave out a report on the situation in the Dardanelles today which reads: "In the southern zone there is nothing to report, with the exception of engagements between patrols and artillery exchanges. In the northern zone the British left wing has made some progress in the plain of Anafarta."

The landing of British troops at Suvla bay, Gallipoli peninsula, is regarded as a partial disappointment. The Turks had concentrated their forces in the Anzac zone, a little to the south, but were able to send troops north in time to prevent any important advance by the landing forces. It is believed here that no forward movement of consequence is likely unless the British are reinforced considerably.

Italy and Turkey appear to be on the brink of an open rupture. The Italian public expects war, which would give their army and navy an opportunity to cooperate with the allies in the Dardanelles movement.

On the western front the French now hold the cross roads between Lens and Arras, which when in possession of the Germans formed a wedge in the allied line.

PROMISES ON DISTRIBUTION OF DISPUTED TERRITORY MADE TO EACH NATION.

Rome, Aug. 20.—The entente powers, according to a positive statement made by the Sofia correspondent of the Giornale D'Italia, have offered to Bulgaria that part of Macedonia given to her by the Serbo-Bulgarian treaty of 1912, with the right of immediate occupation. The controversy over the part of Macedonia contested by Serbia and the cause of the second Balkan war will be settled after the present war ends.

Proportionate compensation is to be given to Serbia, including the city of Kavala with the districts of Kavala and Seres, with the right of immediate occupation.

Bulgaria, on her side, renounces forever pretensions to Saloniki, Vodina and Uskub. She promises also to declare war immediately on Turkey, aided by units of the four allies. Bulgaria, the correspondent declares, will receive further concessions in Turkey.

It is believed that Serbia and Greece will give way under pressure by the entente powers but negotiations will be lengthened by the reluctance of the king of Greece to consent to any cession of territory.

## SMALL STEAMERS SENT TO BOTTOM

London, Aug. 20.—Two small British steamers, the Restormel and the Baron Erskine, have been sunk by German submarines. Both crews were saved.

The Restormel, 1,549 tons, was built at Greenock in 1901 and owned by J. Cory & Sons, Ltd., of Cardiff.

The Baron Erskine, 3,505 tons, was built at Dumbarton in 1911. Her owner was the Hogarth Shipping Co. of Glasgow. The Baron Erskine sailed from New Orleans July 28 for Avonmouth.

## WRECKED VESSEL DRIFTS IN GULF

Mobile, Ala., Aug. 20.—Wrecked in the gulf storm, the schooner E. A. Sabean, owned in Kingston, Jamaica, is dismantled and a derelict in latitude 30.30 north, longitude 83.20 west, according to advices received here today from the steamship Matincooke.

The Sabean was spoken by the Matincooke on Tuesday, the report said, and the crew of the distressed sailing vessel refused to abandon it. However, they accepted water, beef and bread.

## VESEL LOST IN STORM?

New Orleans, Aug. 20.—The United Fruit liner Marowine, overdue from Belize, British Honduras, since Monday night, had not been heard from today. The vessel has aboard thirty-five passengers and a crew estimated at from twenty-five to forty. She was supposed to have been in the Yucatan channel last Saturday during the hurricane.

## OAK TREE ON WHICH FRANK WAS HANGED GUARDED FROM CROWD

Marietta, Ga., Aug. 20.—Watchmen today were guarding the big oak tree, two miles from here, on which the lifeless body of Leo M. Frank, convicted of the murder of Mary Phagan, was found dangling last Tuesday morning, to prevent souvenir hunters or others from molesting it. The tree soon is to be surrounded with a concrete wall, it is announced, and thus preserved by the owner, W. J. Frey, to mark the death place of the alleged slayer of the Phagan girl.

Meanwhile the tree is being guarded night and day. It was said that Mr. Frey had declined an offer of \$200 for the tree and in doing so the plan to build a wall about the tragically historic oak became known.

Visitors to Marietta during the last two days have been unusually numerous and practically all have visited the scene of the lynching.

After the Lynchers. Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 20.—Governor Harris, in a statement on the lynching of Leo M. Frank, published today, said that he would do all in his power to discover and bring to justice the perpetrators, "believing that the people at large do not justify the wave of lawlessness that seems to be spreading through the state."

The statement, which was devoted largely to a review of the happenings at the prison on the night of August 15 when Frank was abducted, points out that state officials had believed that any attack on the place to get a prisoner could be withstood until the Milledgeville militia could be called out.

Body is Buried. New York, Aug. 20.—The body of Leo M. Frank, who was lynched at Marietta, Ga., was buried today in Mt. Carmel cemetery, Brooklyn. The automobile hearse and the cars carrying the immediate relatives of the dead man traveled at high speed over the six mile route from the home of Frank's parents to the cemetery in a vain attempt to elude newspaper men and photographers.

Frank's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Frank, the widow, and Frank's

## HURRICANE TOLL GROWING HIGHER

List of Dead Increasing as Reports From Isolated Points Are Sent In

### GALVESTON LOSS IS LESS THAN FEARED

City Will Be Able to Take Care of Itself After Temporary Relief

Houston, Texas, Aug. 20.—With bread and other food supplies from neighboring cities reaching Galveston, and a promise that railroad communication with the city soon would be resumed, less anxiety early today weighed on the state officials and people here interested in the relief of the distressed city than at any time since it was known Galveston had been overwhelmed with a disaster of wind and water.

As late messages arrived confirming reports that conditions in the city were such that little outside aid would be necessary and that only to fill temporary needs, in food, and it became known that the deaths there would number less than a score, more attention began to be paid to other places that felt the force of the hurricane.

A compilation of reports from various cities outside of Galveston early today showed a list of 101 known dead and a missing list of 184. Of those missing it was feared that more than half had perished.

With the report that the crews of the dredge boats Sam Houston and San Jacinto were safe, the missing list was cut down from its previous mark of 264. The dredges were found last night aground near the Houston ship canal.

### Texas City Open Again.

The first boat to make the round trip between Houston and Galveston returned here last night after having taken more than twenty-four hours for the journey. That trains would be running into Texas City on regular schedule and thence six miles across the bay to Galveston today was announced by railroad officials here. Two trains made the trip to Texas City yesterday.

A reassuring statement of conditions in the storm swept area was issued here by Governor Ferguson, who has taken charge of the general relief work.

"My information is that the loss of life is not great and the local authorities will be able to handle the situation without outside assistance," the statement said.

Work of clearing up the debris left in the wake of the storm and of repairing damage was under way in many places.

Many Hurt in Storm. Evidence of the unusual destructiveness of Monday's hurricane was seen in Houston's hospitals today, which house between fifty and one hundred persons either injured in the storm or suffering from illness contracted in long exposure. Most of these are patients from little towns along the coast.

Among all the injured possibly the most remarkable ailment is snake bite, a real danger in a coast hurricane because the water drives snakes on the few objects above water. Marvin Proctor of Lynchburg, is in a serious condition on account of a moccasin bite. With his baby he had been driven into the water and was trying to build a raft with boards blown from his home when the snake bit him on the hand.

### ERIE FIRE CHIEF VICTIM OF FLOOD

Erie, Pa., Aug. 20.—John J. McMahon, chief of the Erie fire department, died early this morning from injuries received two weeks ago in the Mill creek flood. Chief McMahon while attempting a rescue in the flood area, was swept away and for a time his name was listed with the dead. Several hours later he was found floating in a mass of wreckage and taken to a hospital. He was severely injured and a few days ago developed typhoid pneumonia. He had been chief of the fire department since 1893.

### BIG RAIN AT ST. LOUIS

Part of the City is Under Water as a Result of Continuous and Heavy Downpour.

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 20.—The southwestern part of St. Louis was under water today as a result of a continuous downpour of rain that began about 1 o'clock this morning and followed a steady drizzle that lasted nearly all day Thursday.

At 3 o'clock this morning four inches of rain had fallen. The storm was accompanied by a high wind. Residents in the southwest part of town were going about in boats today.

By the middle of the afternoon every automobile road and street car line leading from St. Louis to the surrounding suburban towns had been closed. The first regiment armory and the coliseum will be open tonight to house suburbanites who cannot get home.

### WILSON SEES OCULIST.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 20.—President Wilson slipped away from the white house early today and started for Philadelphia by motor to visit his oculist. Two automobiles, one carrying secret service men, were in the party.

### TRAIN KILLS AUTOIST.

Champaign, Ill., Aug. 20.—Michael McGraw, a grocer of Champaign, was killed early today when the automobile in which he was returning from a grocer's picnic was struck by a Big Four passenger train.

## OLD RESIDENTS BACK AT AGENCY

Former Citizens Return to Attend Homecoming Being Held There

### SPLENDID PROGRAM ARRANGED FOR THEM

Variety of Contests and Races Given for Their Entertainment

Agency, Aug. 20.—(Special): Agency today is entertaining her old residents and former citizens who have come back for the big annual homecoming. From Ottumwa, Eldon, Bladensburg, Highland Center, Dahlonega, Batavia, Ashland and many other surrounding vicinities they have come to meet again with the old neighbors and friends and to enjoy the pleasing program which has been arranged for their entertainment in the Streblov grove.

Rev. B. G. Hankins appeared as the principal speaker giving his address this afternoon. Early this morning people began arriving by auto, in carriages and on foot and by 10 o'clock the hours for the exercises to begin, the grounds were well filled with little visiting groups. The Agency band was stationed in a conspicuous place and began its program early in the day. The address of welcome was given at 10:30 by Rev. M. D. Cox following a ball game staged between the married and single men, for which a box of cigars and four pounds of candy were given as the prizes. Rev. A. L. Criley responded to the Rev. Mr. Cox's address of welcome and at 11:30 the watermelon eating contest was begun. This was for boys under 16 years and two prizes were given for it.

The big picnic dinner was served under the trees at noon and an immense crowd sat down. The afternoon program opened at 1:30 with music by the Agency band and a double mixed quartet. The quartet sang again after Rev. Mr. Hankins' talk and he was also followed by several of the old settlers who gave short talks which were reminiscent of the old days. The contests are forming an interesting part of the program this afternoon. These include the ball driving contest for women, the board sewing contest for girls, the button race for boys, the broad jump free for all, the ball throwing contest and the push ball contest.

### A \$75,000 FIRE AT CEDAR RAPIDS

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Aug. 20.—Six business firms were put out of business by a \$75,000 fire at the corner of First avenue and Third street Friday morning and firemen worked for an hour amid the fumes from burning. The heaviest losers are:

The Boyson Drug Co., loss \$50,000; insurance, \$37,500; loss on buildings, \$17,000.

Miles & Smith, loss \$4,000.

Joseph E. Lops, loss \$3,000.

John E. Lake, loss \$2,000.

William O'Meara, clothing, loss \$1,500.

J. W. Russell, barber supplies, loss \$1,500.

Conway Cigar Co., loss \$5,000.

The fire originated from stoves in the grill room in the basement of the building.

### TENNIS SEMI-FINALS ON AT DES MOINES

Des Moines, Aug. 20.—It was planned to run off the fifth round and the semi-finals at the state tennis tournament today. For the fifth round, this morning, the pairings were:

Eugene Monnett, Norman, Okla., vs. Walter T. Hayes, Chicago.

R. L. Branson, Mitchell, S. D., vs. Bart Bonebrake, Des Moines.

A. L. Lindauer, Chicago vs. C. H. Holcomb, Kansas City.

Jack Cannon, Kansas City vs. Walter Newell, Kansas City.

Walter T. Hayes has been three times champion of Iowa and is considered to have a splendid chance to again win the title, which is not defended by Rolan Hoerr, St. Louis, last year's winner.

### BEGIN TESTING OF LAKE STEAMERS

Chicago, Aug. 20.—Testing of excursion boats operating out of Chicago on Lake Michigan as a result of the Eastland disaster has been started by the city commission which is to pass on the safety of the boats.

The commission, it was announced today, proposes to test the boats for stability, efficiency of the crews, compliance with government regulations as to design and construction, and physical condition for service.