

# U. S. WAITS TO HEAR GERMANS ACCOUNT

## Sinking of the Allan Liner Hesperian

### WAS SHIP TORPEDOED?

High Officials Loath to Believe the Solemn Promise So Recently Given by the German Government Has Been Deliberately Broken.

Nothing in advices regarding the sinking of the Allan liner Hesperian served to change the waiting attitude of the American government. Judgment is suspended pending complete information and in spite of the statement of the Hesperian's captain that his ship was the victim of a torpedo and had no warning, high officials here are not disposed to question the good faith of recent unqualified assurances from the German government that her submarine commanders had been ordered to attack no more liners without warning.

Reports from Ambassador Page at London added few details to the story told in the brief cablegram in which Consul Frost at Queenstown announced that the vessel had been torpedoed with a loss of about eight lives, none of them American. The consul's statement that the ship carried on her stern a 4.7-inch gun went unmentioned, though the Allan line officials have declared that she had no gun when she left Montreal.

### 14 AUTO FATALITIES.

#### Accidents Occurred to Cars at Railroad Crossings.

Five persons were killed when their automobile was struck by an electric car traveling on the Erie railroad about ten miles south of Rochester, N. Y. The dead are Stephen E. Emerson, 73, of Rochester; Louis Lawson, 50; Florence Truesdale, 24; Nellie Hayner, 45, all of Spencerport, and Mrs. Edith Keith, 47, of Washington.

Five persons, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Norton, of Whitehall; their daughter, May, 19; Mrs. John Norton, 30, and a granddaughter, Edith, 5, were killed at Glens Falls, N. Y., when their automobile was struck by a Delaware and Hudson passenger train. John Norton, a son, was seriously hurt.

Four persons were killed at Chertonton, Ind., when an eastbound New York Central train struck an automobile at a grade crossing. The occupants of the ill-fated machine were Mrs. John Teda, her two sons, John and Peter, and a hired man.

### FIVE LIVES LOST.

#### Fatal Fire in Catholic Orphanage at Frisco.

Fire destroyed the St. Frances Girls' directory, a Catholic orphanage, at San Francisco, with the loss of at least five lives. Search of the ruins disclosed the body of Elizabeth O'Brien, 4 years old, and four others.

When the fire was discovered the children were marshaled by Sister Mary Agnes and Mother Superior Margaret and marched out of the building. They were quartered in nearby homes.

Another body identified was that of Katherine O'Brien, Elizabeth's sister.

Fifty-two children and several blind and aged women were housed in the four-story frame building. Only the heroism of the nuns prevented greater casualties. It was established that only five perished.

### AIRSHIP GOES WILD.

#### Dashes into Crowd and Injures Many Persons.

Twenty persons were injured, three fatally, when an aeroplane dashed into a crowd at a Labor day celebration at Washington, Ind. Oscar Cook, a Chicago aviator, lost control of his machine when he landed after a short flight. He was not hurt.

Joseph Singleton, aged 11; Mrs. Vincent Jones, aged 55, and Miss Mabel Taylor, aged 17, suffered fractured skulls, and physicians say there is no hope for their recovery. Four others were hurt seriously.

When the machine touched the ground it swerved and knocked down a refreshment stand, and then plowed through the crowd.

### CHAS. BOYNTON DIES.

#### One of the Veterans of the Associated Press.

Charles A. Boynton, one of the veterans of the Associated Press, and one of the best known American newspaper men of the last twenty-five years, died at Washington, D. C., aged 79 years. He had not been in active service since 1909.

#### Banker Felder Uses Razor on Throat.

Edward E. Felder, a prominent banker of St. George, S. C., who was spending the summer at Asheville, N. C., with his family, ended his life by cutting his throat with a razor. Friends said the banker had been suffering from insomnia.

### Held on Arson Charge.

J. N. Nasworthy, proprietor of the drug store at Jacksonville which was wrecked by fire and an explosion, was given a preliminary hearing before Justice E. B. Willard and held to the criminal court on the charge of arson, under bond of \$1,000.

### RUSSIAN RETREAT.

#### Czar's Army Leaves Desolation Behind It.

The Lausanne Gazette publishes a letter from an Austrian officer fighting on the eastern front, in which he says:

"The Russian retreat is a masterpiece of terrifying, systematic devastation, which recalls the retreat of 1812. There is an immense sea of flames behind the retreating Russian armies, caused by burning houses and crops.

"General Mischenko is followed by well organized detachments of Cossacks, whose duty it is to burn everything behind the army. They accomplish their task implacably.

"When the hordes tried to enter Krylow in pursuit of the Russians every street was aflame. They were unable to pass through the huge furnace and lost many precious hours in going around the town by indirect roads and fields.

"When the Austro-Hungarians arrived at Vladimir-Volynskiy they found the town burning and the town of Verba was blazing. Every village on the Volynskiy plain, as far as Kovel, was in flames. The Austro-Hungarian troops had no shelter for days.

"The roads are indescribably cut up and obstructed. Convoys arrived a day and a half late. It would take fifty soldiers to draw one cart out of a mudhole.

"Thousands of men worked upon repairs on the railway from Sokol to Vladimir-Volynskiy and if the road had not been repaired in time we would have met with disaster."

### LONDON PRESS CAUSTIC.

#### Comment on Sinking of the Hesperian.

The London newspapers were caustic and bitter in their editorial comments on the sinking of the liner Hesperian by a German submarine.

"Germany promised not to torpedo a liner without warning," says the Evening Standard. "The Hesperian was torpedoed without warning. The two statements speak for themselves. The attainment of lasting peace can only come after the crushing defeat of Germany by the entente powers."

"The destruction of the latest 'scrap of paper' with its ink still wet," says the Pall Mall Gazette, "is more than cynicism itself, for the Hesperian outrage contradicts every assurance Germany's minister has just given the American government."

The Globe: "There is only one answer to this enemy act—to fight him until he is beaten to his knees."

Westminster Gazette: "It is useless to waste words commenting on this latest crime. None of the insulting excuses proffered in the Lusitania can be alleged in the Hesperian tragedy. The bare recital of facts speaks for itself."

### KIDNAPED WHEN CHILD.

#### Misshapen Toe and Birthmark Identify Woman.

By a misshapen toe and a birthmark on her body Mrs. G. B. Kestadt had established her identity as Annie Mooney, who was kidnaped from her parents in San Francisco thirty-one years ago when she was 5 years old, kept by Chinese for several years and rescued by police from a trunk in which she was hidden.

After her rescue Annie was adopted by a Portuguese family. Her foster-father died when she was 14 years old, and four years later Annie married Kestadt.

James Mooney, her father, and others offered rewards aggregating \$1,000 at the time of the child's disappearance. Mooney and his wife died several years ago, but four sisters and a brother welcome their long-lost sister.

### TIGHTER LINE DRAWN.

#### Another Stranglehold on Alabama Liquor Traffic.

Prohibitionists put another stranglehold on the liquor traffic when the Alabama senate passed a regulation measure 26 to 1. The bill provides that deliveries of liquor can only be made between 6 a. m. and 5 p. m. The agent of the transportation must recognize the signature of the consignee or have the signature witnessed. Bonuses are allowed officers when liquor is seized in raids. Druggists are the only firms or corporations who can receive liquor. Ministers may receive one gallon monthly for sacramental purposes. Liquor in small bottles is ordered it must come in a package.

### \$2,000,000 FIRE.

#### Newport News Visited by Destructive Fire.

Property damage estimated at about \$2,000,000 resulted from a fire which originated in the Chesapeake and Ohio grain elevator at Newport News, Va., and spread to nearby buildings and to a big grain pier.

The elevator, with nearly half a million bushels of wheat was destroyed; grain pier No. 5 was badly damaged, and the local offices of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway company and of the United States Shipping company and the Holland-American line were consumed. Two foreign and three steamships, two foreign and one American, were threatened.

### YOUTH A SUICIDE.

#### Punished by Mother, Virginia Boy Hangs Self.

Mrs. J. W. Macey, of Newport News, Va., notified that her son had come down, as punishment for some minor form of misconduct.

An hour and a half later he had was found hanging by a rope from the banister rail of the steps leading to the attic. The boy had adusted the rope about his neck and jumped over, death being due to strangulation. The body was still warm when discovered, but all efforts to revive him failed.

### ARMOUR HOME LOOTED.

#### Robbers Capture Mrs. Armour and Maim.

Mrs. J. Ogden Armour, wife of Chicago packer, and three work-servants were held prisoners by robbers, who ransacked the Armour home and escaped with \$3,500 in jewelry.

One intruder forced Mrs. Armour and her three maids into a room and held them there while his companions searched the house.

### WOMAN LIVES 107 YEARS.

#### Brooklyn Dwarf Said to Have Established a Record.

Mrs. Jeanette Schwartz, who died at Brooklyn, N. Y., in the Brooklyn Home for the Aged, in her 107th year, established a record, it is believed, for longevity among dwarfs.

She was two and a half feet high and weighed less than twenty-five pounds. Her birthplace was Stuttgart, Germany.

### Tennesseeans Lynch Negro.

Mallie Wilson, a negro, charged with having entered the sleeping room of Mrs. Jim White, was hanged in Greenfield, Tenn. An effort by Circuit Judge Joseph E. Jones and Sheriff Lafon to prevent the lynching at Greenfield was reported to have been successful. A rope placed around the negro's neck was cut and he was carried away, his body being found hanging to a pole south of the town.

### Guarded Lincoln's Body.

Andrew Klail, who was one of the guards of honor when President Lincoln's body lay in state at the Capitol in Washington, is dead at his home in Lowville, Wis. Klail was on duty when Mrs. Surratt, Payne and others were hanged for conspiracy. He was killed in the Civil war, being wounded at the battle of Bull Run.

118 Railroads Earned \$61,734,383. Net revenues of 118 of the leading steam railroads last July totalled \$8,031,562 more than in July, 1909, the Interstate Commerce commission reported. Their earnings in July of this year were \$61,734,383 and \$702,821 for the same month in 1909.

### THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH.

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 3.—Charles E. Trull, a young white man convicted of the murder of killing Sidney Swain, an aged merchant, was executed in the electric chair. Trull confessed to his clergyman Wednesday.

In Raleigh, N. C., today a young white man by the name of Trull paid the death penalty in the electric chair for the murder of a Charlotte, N. C., merchant. The following story set out from Raleigh Wednesday tells of his confession:

Raleigh, N. C. Sept. 2.—Confronted by the certainty of death in the electric chair Friday morning for the murder and robbery of Sidney Swain in Charlotte, all efforts for communication having failed, Charles E. Trull has made to his spiritual adviser, Rev. J. W. Potter, of the Glenwood Methodist church, what he terms his "dying and true confession." In it he admits practically all of the statement he made to Governor Craig's stenographer last week in an effort to induce the governor to reconsider his refusal to extend executive clemency was false and declares that only he is responsible for the murder and robbery of old man Swain.

The written confession, which he wrote out Monday night and handed to Rev. Mr. Potter this afternoon, is more rambling and disconnected than the statement made to the governor's stenographer. He makes it clear, however, that "Barton did not kill Swain or have any part or knowledge of the robbery."

The confession is addressed to Clifford Newell and D. B. Paul, as "my dear, kind friends." It follows:

"Forgive me for what I have so rashly did and pray that my soul may never suffer for that sin, for I have thoroughly and humbly repented for all I have said. It is true some fatal mistakes were made. However, considering everything, I will say that you advised me, I believe, as you thought best. Also, that you did not know of my guilt—as I should say, facts in my case, whatever. I did not give you any letter to Governor Craig and I must say you acted honorably with me. I really do not think I am myself since hearing that I was refused mercy.

"How I have suffered you could never think, how or realize. I wish to say that I am humbly sorry for all I have did and I pray that God may have mercy upon my soul. I have sinned awful, indeed, against God and man, and my ruin was whiskey, women, bad company. I never realized in my life I was cut out to be a bad boy; but was so early, in spite of all Christian, honorable training—which I received at home, led astray. I never did, I know, intend to kill Mr. Swain, whatever; and I vaguely remember it. I knew I was not myself, for I was under the influence of whiskey and dope. Neither did I really realize or intend that Barton should ever suffer, but merely wished to save my life and avert disaster on the name of my parents. I have no heart to that noble, honest name whatever, and I pray that my name be remembered or link with Barton did not kill or have any part or knowledge of the robbery. I appreciate kindly and sincerely your letters and your gentlemanly manner of writing me and I ask every one to please judge me not, for no one could understand or know. Only the Supreme Ruler and God of the universe, who I shall pray to forgive me and cleanse through the precious blood of His Son. I have suffered enough. I shall pay the extreme penalty. Then let that be enough and allow my name and memory to rest. "No noble parents, brothers and sisters do not deserve such a disgrace and I feel unworthy to breathe their names. To all those who I unintentionally wronged by my deeds, especially the widow and her son and loved one, I feel indeed sorry for and fully repent with all my aching heart for my sins and wrongs. "Remembering my condition, both physically and mentally, I pray you, and that I have never held murder in my heart against any one when at all, but whiskey. God's hand has been laid heavily upon me and I seriously thought of taking my own life, but received a letter from Mr. D. W. Wink telling me again of God and His wonderful love, and I began to really see and think. Now, therefore, I confess all. I blame no one but myself, and bear in mind it was not I but whiskey. I have no bitterness in my heart. Only love and fellowship for all and all."

"Where we see old whiskey getting in work again. Yesterday we produced a news story, where the leader mob in Georgia had blamed his conduct on his drunken condition. To see where a poor man, dying in the electric chair, blamed his condition on whiskey.

And, yet, there are people in South Carolina who are opposing prohibition. Spartanburg Herald.

### A MOTHER'S LOVE.

An angel was sent down from heaven one day to bring back the most beautiful thing on earth. He found a young American rose, lovely and compare, and he gathered an arm and started to return to his home. As he soared into the sky he saw a baby's smile and filled with Caturous admiration at the sight he returned to take it, too.

By the way, he discovered a mother's love, and all three in his arms he flew to the place beyond the pearly gates. He paused for a moment, and were feeble smile had withered and were stumps—the mother's love was cast the others aside and he laid it at the feet of the most lovely and precious thing on earth.—The Fayette (S. C.) Observer.

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