

AMERICANS VICTIMS

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To Safeguard Passengers from Submarine Attacks.—Desperate Conditions in Mexico City.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Washington.—The dominion freighter Armenian, flying the British flag and carrying mules from Newport, Va., to England, was torpedoed and sunk Monday night by the German submarine U-38 off Cornwall, England, and nearly a score of American muleteers reported lost, according to messages received by the state department from Consul John S. Armstrong, Jr., at Bristol. Twenty-nine men in all were lost and ten injured. The news created a sensation in official quarters, as it was the first case of loss of American lives since the sinking of the Lusitania. The gravity of the incident, however, and the action of the Washington government depends almost entirely on whether the Armenian was chartered by the British government, and was, in fact, a transport of war aboard which Americans would sail at their own risk, or whether she was an unarmed merchant vessel.

Rioting in City of Mexico. Washington.—Desperate conditions in Mexico City, with unchecked mobbing and looting, are described in dispatches cabled to the United States government from Vera Cruz by a courier who left the Mexican capital last Friday, June 25. When the courier started practically the entire garrison had been withdrawn to join the Zapata army on the outskirts of the city opposing the attacking Carranza forces under General Pablo Gonzales. Gonzales had been driven back with considerable loss and was waiting for reinforcements coming up from Vera Cruz before renewing the assault. No mention was made of attacks upon foreigners, so officials assumed that they were safe.

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Supplied With Life Belts in Event Boat Should Be Topped.

Liverpool.—Extraordinary precautions to safeguard passengers' lives in case of submarine attacks were taken by officers of the White Star liner Cymric, which arrived from New York. The vessel carried a large cargo of war munitions for the allies. Every passenger on board was supplied with a life belt and taught how to put it on, shortly after leaving New York. Under the direction of officers passengers and crew were rehearsed in the act of getting quickly into the boats. No submarines were sighted, however.

Eleven Inch Hail Stones.

Hastings.—Hail stones eleven inches around were included in a disastrous storm which Wednesday afternoon completely destroyed all growing crops in a strip of country approximating twenty miles long, extending from Hansen, north of Hastings, east to Trumbull and thence southeast across the Adams-Clay county line to inland and south toward Clay Center. Seven miles northeast of Hastings, hail three inches deep gave the country in the storm's wake the appearance following a heavy snow.

San Francisco.—William Jennings Bryan, former secretary of state, has accepted an invitation to deliver an address at a mass meeting to be arranged by the American Independence Union here for July 8. Mr. Bryan will also be the orator at a Fourth of July celebration Monday. The American Independence Union seeks to present fairly the German view of proper American neutrality.

Berlin.—The German government has decided to adopt the same measures for the conservation of this year's crop of grain as were employed last year, expropriating all grain and fixing the maximum prices for its sale. The expropriation will be in the hands of the communes, however, and the maximum prices will not be fixed until it is seen exactly how the harvest turns out. The same measures will apply to fodder.

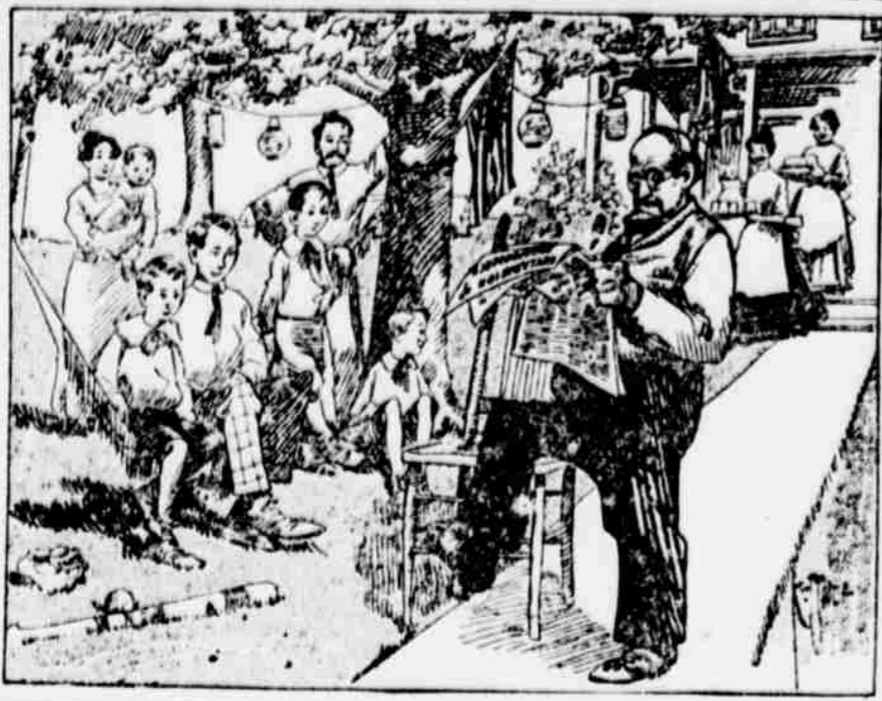
Insist on "Open Door" Policy.

Peking.—Warning that the United States would not recognize any agreement between China and Japan which impaired American rights in China or endangered the so-called "open door" policy, was conveyed to the governments of both China and Japan in an identical note from Washington, which was delivered about May 15. The notes were handed to the foreign offices of both countries a week after China had acceded to the demands contained in the Japanese ultimatum.

May Repeal Oleomargarine Tax.

Washington.—The recent admission of the treasury department that the government had been defrauded of about \$27,000,000 of oleomargarine taxes during the past thirteen years, together with the general governmental demand for greater revenue, may lead to a repeal of the present oleomargarine tax. At present a tax of one-fourth of one cent per pound is imposed on all oleomargarine and a special tax of 19 cents per pound on colored oleomargarine.

SANE AND PATRIOTIC



PROTEST COTTON SEIZURE

IMMENSE CROWD LISTENS TO TALK OF COMMONER.

Georgia Legislature Suggests Retaliation on Great Britain.—Russians Forced to Retire Still Further.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Lincoln, Neb.—W. J. Bryan pleaded for his ideas of peace before 6,000 people of his home city Tuesday night, holding up the teachings of the Nazarene as opposed to the policy of force as the banner of this nation. He reiterated statements made heretofore regarding his reasons for leaving the cabinet and rejoiced in the freedom of utterance which his resignation had given him.

It was plainly a sympathetic audience which greeted Mr. Bryan as he made his appearance, and throughout his speech it applauded every point that he emphasized and broke in on his speech at other points. The ex-secretary was as vigorous as he ever appeared before a Lincoln audience. His voice appeared to carry over a half crowd which spread well over a half block and through which street cars clanged their way at intervals.

Russians Continue to Retreat.

London.—Driven back over their frontier north of Lemberg, and forced to cross the river Galla Lipa, in south-east Galicia, the Russian armies continue to retreat before the Austro-Germans along a front of approximately 250 miles, about equal the distance between Arras and Vosges. The Berlin official communication records progress by the Teuton troops in virtually the entire southeastern theater, although violent fighting is still in progress beyond the Galla Lipa, which joins the Dneister at Halez.

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Retaliation on Great Britain Suggested in Georgia.

Atlanta, Ga.—Resolutions urging President Wilson to use every means in his power—"diplomatic if possible, retaliatory if necessary"—to prevent interference by Great Britain with American commerce to neutral nations have been adopted by both houses of the Georgia legislature. Among other things the resolutions set forth that since March 1 "Great Britain has illegally seized" many vessels containing cargoes destined for neutral ports of Europe, thus depriving cotton producers of Georgia and other southern states of a certain market for more than three million bales of cotton.

Food Supply is Short.

Washington.—In the absence of direct reports from Mexico City, which for nearly two weeks has been cut off by rail and wire from the outside world, there is much anxiety in official quarters concerning conditions in the old capital and its vicinity. From previous dispatches it is known that the food supply is short and that the danger of military operations being carried into the city itself has caused grave apprehension among foreigners.

Tourists Spend Money at Home

Washington.—Money heretofore expended by American tourists to Europe, estimated by Secretary Lane at \$100,000,000 or more annually, is this year being spent in the United States, according to a statement issued by him. Secretary Lane's statement was based upon reports received at the interior department showing it was an unprecedented public interest in the national parks of the west, as indicated by the big increase in the number of visitors over previous years.

Japanese Officers Commit Hari-Kari

Tokio.—Major Nakajima and Captain Hamamoto, Japanese officers fighting with the Russian army at Lemberg, committed hari kari when the Galician capital fell, rather than suffer what they considered dishonor of being made prisoners of war, according to official advices received from Petrograd. Hari kari is a Japanese method of committing suicide, formerly widely practiced by military officers.

TRYING TIMES IN CITY OF MEXICO.

To Use Over a Billion Dollars in Next Three Months.—Wants Prize Court Trial Eliminated.

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See No Necessity for Prize Court.

Washington.—By agreement with the German foreign office the state department made public the text of the note sent on June 24 by the United States asking Germany to reconsider her refusal to settle by direct diplomatic negotiations instead of by prize court proceedings, the claim presented on behalf of the captain and owners of the American ship William P. Frye, sunk with her cargo of wheat by the commerce raider Prinz Eitel Friedrich. Ambassador Gerard cabled that he had delivered the note last Saturday afternoon. The American government declares that inasmuch as Germany has admitted liability for the sinking of the Frye under the treaty of 1882, prize court proceedings are unnecessary and not binding upon the United States.

FRANCE VOTES A WAR CREDIT

More Than Billion to Carry It On for Next Three Months. Paris.—The bill appropriating 5,600,000,000 francs (\$1,120,000,000) to cover government expenses for the three months beginning July 1 was passed almost unanimously in the chamber of deputies. The vote was 492 to 1.

Anniversary of Start of War.

New York.—One year ago Monday the primary cause of the European war occurred at Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia, when Serbian conspirators assassinated the Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne, and his morganatic wife, the Duchess of Hohenburg.

Amsterdam.—A telegram received here from Constantinople, via Berlin, says that as a reprisal for the expulsion by the British government of the Turkish officials who remained in London the porte has decided to expel all dragomans, secretaries and attaches of hostile countries who are attached to the embassies of the United States and Italy. Several already have left Turkey.

Will Investigate Mysterious Death

North Platte, Neb.—Cuts resembling knife wounds were found in the lungs of Oscar Smith, whose dead body was found in a burned condition at his ranch house near Arthur, Neb. Other circumstances point toward foul play. A few days ago Smith cashed a draft for \$200 at the Arthur, Neb., bank. This he had carried away in a money belt with a steel tuckle. The belt was gone and no buckle was found in the ashes. Beside the body was an empty gasoline can.

Lake of Wine on Fire

Fresno, Cal.—Surrounded by a great lake of fire, the complete destruction of the buildings of the Barton Vineyard company, one of the largest wineries in the world, located about three miles east of Fresno, was threatened when the main winery and storehouse, together with about 700,000 gallons of wine, were destroyed by fire. The loss is about a half million dollars. The burning wine spread out in a huge lake and ran down ditches surrounding the buildings.

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BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA

A farmers' union has been organized at Murdock. The southwest Nebraska fair will be held at Maywood in October. President Wilson has appointed F. G. Covar as postmaster at Schuyler. The Fairbury summer normal school has just closed a three weeks' term. Edith Yost, a twenty-year-old Wyoming girl, suicided by taking poison. According to returns of the assessor there are 1,093 pianos in York county. Nearly \$4,000 in purses will be offered at the West Point race meet next week.

Brownville the center of the strawberry belt in southeast Nebraska shipped nearly 10,000 cases of berries this year. C. P. McCross of Fairbury had an arm broken while trying to bridle an unruly horse. The farmers union picnic at Lyons Saturday was well attended and everybody had a good time.

West Point claims the best half-mile race track in the state and the finest water in the world. Lincoln bank clearings for last week showed an increase of 17.7 per cent over the same week a year ago.

The churches of Beatrice will hold Sunday evening services at Athletic park during the summer months. After six years service, C. M. Barr has tendered his resignation as superintendent of the Hastings schools.

Over 100 majority was given the \$50,000 intersection paving bond proposition at Hastings' special election. William Rothrock, an aged blind man, sustained serious injuries when he fell into an araway at Omaha.

W. L. Auld, a resident of Omaha has presented the city of Lincoln a tract of fifteen acres, to be converted into a park.

Fairbury will establish a rock pile for the benefit of Weary Willies who attempt to make that city a stopping place.

Pawnee county commissioners are running three crews on bridge work replacing steel structures torn out by recent floods.

Martial airs and patriotic music were barred from Lincoln schools during the past year as a result of the European war.

R. F. Curtis, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Curtis of Tecumseh, was with Canadian troops at the recent engagement of Ypres.

Thursday's baseball game at Lincoln with Topeka resulted in a draw at the fourteenth inning, the score standing 4 to 4.

Ninety-nine pupils of the Polk county eighth grade schools received diplomas at the commencement exercises at Osceola last week.

Seven thousand visitors Sunday afternoon and evening attended the opening of Electric park, the new amusement resort of Lincoln.

Scott Wall of Fremont thinks he has the most diminutive horse on earth. It stands 22 x 32 inches, is fully developed and four years old.

Chester James, who is alleged to have stolen a team of blind horses near Humboldt, was adjudged insane and sent to the asylum at Lincoln.

Over 2,500 people attended the annual picnic at the German Lutheran orphan's home at Fremont. At one time 400 automobiles were parked at the grounds.

Ira Woten, nineteen year old cowboy leaped from the fifth story of the Savoy hotel at Lincoln and landed on the roof of an adjoining building escaping with a few bruises.

An explosion in the oil house of the A. B. A. Company at Lincoln blew the roof a hundred feet into the air. Hard work of the fire department narrowly averted a disastrous conflagration.

Mrs. Charlotte Damme of Berger, Mo., who is visiting relatives at Tecumseh, probably enjoys the distinction of having more relatives in one county in Nebraska than any inhabitant in the state. She has 400 relatives living in Otoe county.

The corner stone of the new manual training school at Peru normal will be laid July 5.

Mayor Madgett of Hastings is determined to stop "punch board" gambling and merchants have been notified to discontinue their use.

The corner stone of the new \$10,000 library building at Broken Bow was laid last week, under the auspices of the Masonic grand lodge.

The first public market day of the Lincoln Garden club, composed of children of the city schools, was a success from every standpoint, and it is thought it can be perpetuated.

Seven farmers of the Diller vicinity marketed over 4,500 bushels of wheat the first part of last week.

A rifle range for the use of the North Platte rifles and several new buildings are to be constructed at the state experimental substation near that city, according to the action of the board of university regents.

The Tecumseh school board has secured the services of Clarence Weber as agricultural instructor in the high school for next year. Weber is a graduate of the Tecumseh high school and also of the agricultural college at Lincoln.

Fred Meyer was killed when he fell from the landing of a rooming house stairway at Lincoln on the paving below, alighting on his head and crushing his skull.

George Rosentrater, a farmer living southwest of Callaway, may die of injuries sustained when he became entangled in the belt of a gasoline engine.

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