

SHIP IS TORPEDOED

FRENCH STEAMER SUSSEX ATTACKED BY SUBMARINE OFF BEACHEY HEAD.

436 PERSONS WERE ON BOARD

London Hears Passengers and Crew Were Saved and That Vessel Is Still Afloat—Three Other Boats Are Sunk.

London, March 27.—A cross channel passenger boat from Folkestone to Dieppe, reported by the Central News to be the steamer Sussex, was torpedoed off Beachy Head Friday afternoon. The vessel carried 386 passengers, with a crew of 50, mostly French, under command of Captain Mouffet. A few of the passengers were British.

The continental traffic office of the Brighton railroad says that all persons on board the Sussex were saved. The Sussex remained afloat.

"I think it probable that there were a number of Americans among the passengers of the Sussex," said Robert P. Skinner, the American consul general, "because in the last few days my office has issued passports for many Americans going to France."

The Brighton railroad issued the following account of the accident to the Sussex:

"The Sussex, sailing under a French flag in the Folkestone-Dieppe service, met with a mishap somewhere off Dieppe on her passage on Friday. There were 386 passengers aboard and a crew of about fifty. It is assumed that all the passengers were saved."

The Sussex left Folkestone flying the French flag. When the alarm was sent out a number of vessels in the vicinity hurried to her assistance, while others rushed under full steam from Dieppe harbor.

The Sussex is owned by the French State railroad.

The steamer Englishman of the Dominion line has been sunk, according to Lloyd's. It is stated that thus far 68 survivors have been accounted for.

The Englishman sailed from Portland, Me., February 17 for St. Nazaire and Avonmouth.

Another Danish steamship, the Christiansund, has been sunk. Her entire crew of 22 men was saved.

The British steamer Fulmar also has been sunk. Eighteen members of her crew were rescued.

EXPLORER LOSES HIS SHIP

Lieut. Shackleton Marooned in Antarctic Region—Must Wait Year Before He Can Return.

London, March 26.—A few hours after she had learned that her husband had come out safe from his antarctic expedition, Lady Shackleton, wife of Lieut. Sir Ernest Shackleton, the polar explorer, was deeply chagrined to hear that the Aurora, one of his vessels, had gone adrift and that she would not be able to hear from him for another year.

The Aurora broke from its moorings at the Ross sea base, said a dispatch from Sydney, N. S. W., leaving ten men of the exploration party ashore and unable to embark for another year.

Earlier in the day a dispatch from Sydney brought the news that Lieutenant Shackleton had returned to his Ross sea base. News of the achievements of the expedition is withheld for the present, although he is believed to have reached a point 800 to 1,000 miles beyond the south pole.

The expedition left England in two sections about six weeks after the European war began.

DENTIST HELD FOR DEATHS

Son-in-Law of Late John F. Peck, Michigan Millionaire, Found Drugged in New York.

New York, March 25.—Detectives sent to arrest Dr. Arthur Warren Waitte in connection with the death of John E. Peck, a millionaire druggist of Grand Rapids, Mich., found him in a condition of stupor as a result of an opiate, self-administered. Physicians worked over him to save his life. It was given out that Doctor Waitte had taken the opiate to induce sleep.

District Attorney Swann made this announcement: "I shall charge Doctor Waitte with murder in the first degree."

REFUSE TO DISARM SHIPS

Entente Allies Reject Lansing's Proposal to Remove Guns From Merchant Vessels.

Washington, March 26.—The entente allies, replying individually to Secretary Lansing's suggestion for the disarmament of all merchant ships, have in effect rejected the proposal.

Pass Deficiency Bill.

Washington, March 27.—The senate passed an urgent deficiency bill, carrying appropriations of approximately \$3,500,000. Nearly a million dollars were provided for ordnance and ordnance stores for the navy.

U. S. Printing Expense Heavy.

Washington, March 27.—Paper used by the government printing office last year cost \$1,238,759, and salaries and wages at the printing office amounted to \$3,365,650, it was announced here on Friday.

HIS OWN WAR MAP



WASHINGTON STAR

FIRE SWEEPS 3 CITIES DENIES PEACE RUMOR

NASHVILLE, TENN., AUGUSTA, GA., AND PARIS, TEX., HIT.

Biggest Damage Is Done to Georgia Town, Where Loss Put at \$7,000,000.

Nashville, Tenn., March 24.—More than 2,000 of Nashville's best citizens are homeless and will have to sleep in the houses of their friends, in churches, public buildings and hotels for a while. Fire swept a path from three to five blocks wide and thirty blocks long, about half the territory being the best residence section east of the Cumberland river, on Wednesday. The loss is placed at \$1,000,000.

Governor Rye called out all the militia in the city and asked for citizen volunteers to help fight the conflagration. A seemingly inconsequential fire starting in North Edgefield caused the conflagration in South Edgefield because the high wind scattered fire brands from the original fire to a dozen points, some of them a mile away. As the fire approached Warner school, which housed over 1,400 pupils, a fire drill was held and all children marched out safely. Shortly afterwards this school was a mass of ruins.

Paris, Tex., March 24.—Provisions, clothing and tents are arriving on every incoming train for the 8,000 homeless persons in Paris, rendered practically destitute by Tuesday night's fire, which did property damage estimated between \$8,000,000 and \$10,000,000 and which cost at least three lives.

Nearly every business house and between 1,500 and 2,000 residences were consumed in the flames.

Tulsa, Okla., March 24.—Damage estimated at \$1,500,000 has been caused in the fire-swept district of the Cushing oil field.

Augusta, Ga., March 25.—Twenty blocks in the residence section of Augusta in charred ruins and the bare walls of six business blocks bear testimony to Augusta's most serious fire disaster of recent years. Upward of 700 houses were destroyed and at least 3,000 persons are homeless.

The fire, which raged for more than nine hours, causing a loss estimated at \$7,000,000, was checked after it had crossed Green street.

An area of about one and one-fourth square miles was ravaged by the flames, driven by a heavy gale.

FLASHES OFF THE WIRE

Vienna, March 23.—Russian troops have captured Usciecko, on the Dniester river, north of Czernowitz.

Saloniki, Greece, March 23.—French infantry, supported by artillery, has repulsed an attack of the German allies at Maticevo (Matchikovo) it was officially announced here.

Salem, Oregon, March 25.—Gov. James Withycombe granted a ninety-day leave of absence to C. O. Bogart, serving a term in the penitentiary for assault with intent to kill, in order that he might plant his spring crop and save, if possible, his Mathur home from foreclosure proceedings.

Naval Officer Ends Life.

Seattle, Wash., March 27.—Lieut. Ormond C. Palthorp of Michigan was found by officers of his ship shot to death in his room on board the cruiser Saratoga. Palthorp committed suicide.

Gets Food From Roumania.

Berlin (via Sayville wireless), March 27.—The Overseas News agency says that 400,000 tons of corn, wheat and peas have been bought in Roumania for consumption in Germany and Austria-Hungary.

WHITE HOUSE ISSUES STATEMENT AS TO GERARD.

State Department Says There Is No Foundation for Story—President Resents Reports.

Washington, March 23.—President Wilson was represented at the White House as being resentful of the publication of reports that Ambassador Gerard had reported Germany was about to make a move for peace. The published reports were characterized as based on inferences. This statement was issued:

"President Wilson, through Secretary Tumulty, authorized a denial of stories appearing in papers to the effect that the purpose of Ambassador Gerard's remaining in Berlin was to await Germany's proposals for peace. There is no justification for that inference being drawn."

Tuesday the state department took notice of the publications by denying that Germany had intimated to the United States that the time was ripe for the United States as the largest neutral to renew its friendly offices for peace or that the United States had been informed that Mr. Gerard had been requested to postpone his vacation because of pending peace negotiations.

Unofficial reports received yesterday said the ambassador actually had postponed his vacation, but gave no reason. The state department again took cognizance of the report and the following statement was issued:

"Any statement that the German government had intimated that it desired this government to act as mediator in peace negotiations or had in any way suggested formally or informally that this government should take the matter up with other powers is absolutely without foundation and the state department has no information that Germany is preparing to make a definite move in the direction of peace."

State department officials declared they were resentful of the publication of reports, because, they said, if there were any prospect of mediation it would be damaged if not destroyed.

PASSES ARMOR PLANT BILL

Senate Approves \$11,000,000 Appropriation to Build U. S. Factory.

Washington, March 23.—The Tillman bill to provide for the erection or purchase by the government of an armor plate factory at a cost not to exceed \$11,000,000 was passed on Tuesday by the senate by a vote of 58 to 23.

Previous to passage the senate adopted without a roll call an amendment by Senator Wadsworth providing that any plant to be erected should be located at a place approved by general board of the navy with special reference to considerations of safety in time of war.

Protests Torpedoing.

London, March 25.—The Austro-Hungarian foreign minister has forwarded to the neutral governments copies of an official note protesting against the torpedoing of the hospital ship Elektra in the Adriatic sea, according to Vienna advices reaching Amsterdam.

Nips Conspiracy in Bud.

London, March 25.—Army officers in the province of Sin-Kiang plotted to kill the governor, but the governor learning of the conspiracy, invited ten of the plotters to dinner and had them beheaded.

Russ Have Lost 2,542,639 Men.

New York, March 25.—The losses of the Russians since the beginning of the war total 2,542,639, according to Boris Schumacher, who arrived from Petrograd on the liner United States

WANTS WHOLE TRUTH

THAT AND NOTHING MORE IS WANTED FROM MEXICO.

DECLINE TO DISARM SHIPS

Entente Powers Reject Proposals Concerning Merchant Ships—British Steamship Torpedoed.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Washington.—President Wilson has issued warnings that "sinister and unscrupulous influences" are spreading alarming reports about the Mexican situation with the object of forcing intervention by the United States "in the interest of certain American owners of Mexican properties." In a formal statement the president told the people of the United States to be on their guard and not to credit such stories. He urged those who disseminate news to test the source and authority of every report from the border, and called attention again to the government's announcement that the sole object of the punitive expedition now in Mexico was to punish Villa and his followers.

British Steamer Torpedoed.

Washington.—The channel steamer Sussex, damaged Friday in the English channel, and the British steamship Englishman, destroyed by a torpedo, both carrying American citizens, were torpedoed, according to consular reports received by the state department. Flat statements that torpedoes were responsible were made in both cases, but the consuls did not give the source of their information. Twenty-five Americans were on the Sussex. Whether any of them lost their lives or were injured is not yet known.

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Entente Powers Reject Proposal Concerning Merchant Vessels.

Washington.—All of the entente powers through their embassies here have handed to Secretary Lansing formal responses rejecting the proposal made by the state department in its circular memorandum that they enter into a modus vivendi and disarm all of the merchant ships, with the understanding that the United States government would endeavor to secure from the central powers a pledge not to attack such unarmed ships without warning and without providing for the safety of the passengers and the crew.

Willard Still Champion.

New York.—Jess Willard is still the heavyweight pugilistic champion of the world. In ten rounds of fast fighting he defeated Frank Moran of Pittsburgh here Saturday night on points. A crowd of about 15,000 people paid approximately \$150,000 to see the fight, and went away apparently satisfied with the result. It was the greatest gathering Madison Square Garden had ever seen. Many women were in the throng. Willard broke his right hand in the third round.

Russian Army Losses.

New York.—Losses in the Russian army, killed, wounded and missing, for one year, January 1 to December 31, 1915, were 2,542,639, according to Boris S. Schumacher, a Jewish newspaper correspondent who arrived here from Petrograd, via Copenhagen, on the steamship United States. Mr. Schumacher exhibited printed lists of names which he claimed were official Russian reports of casualties and which he said he secretly obtained while in Petrograd.

Washington.—Instructions have been sent to custodians of all government buildings in the United States to collect and save their waste paper and old rags. Heretofore they have been thrown away. The government now expects to sell them and a tidy sum will probably be placed in the treasury annually from their sale.

Omaha, Neb.—Arthur Hauser, degenerate criminal, who committed crimes against women whom he robbed, must spend the remainder of his natural life in the Nebraska state penitentiary for the murder of W. H. Smith, Woodmen of the World cashier, who was killed last fall. Judge Willis Sears, in criminal court, pronounced sentence upon him after Hauser, in answer to the usual privilege of showing why sentence should not be imposed, had bitterly denounced the police, the county attorney, and even the court.

Kearney Man Gets Prize.

Alliance, Neb.—Edley J. Kegley, of Kearney, Neb., was the first name drawn by Dorothy Herdman in the land drawing of irrigated tracts in the Platte valley, held in the Alliance land office. Mr. Kegley gets eighty-five acres, considered the first choice of forty pieces open to entry. Simon S. Bollinger of Luern, Colo., won the second tract of eighty acres; Mary McDermott of Alliance, seventy-two acres; Carl G. Anderson of Stromsburg, Neb., fifty-five acres. Those were considered the choicest tracts.

OBSERVE CLEAN UP WEEK

Governor Morehead Urges Action to Prevent Fires.

Governor Morehead has designated the week beginning April 10 as clean up week. He urges a general cleaning up of premises as a means of preventing destructive fires. "His proclamation says:

"Again, as governor of the state, I feel impelled to call the attention of the people of Nebraska to the necessity of guarding against the destruction of property by fire. Destructive fires have been prevalent throughout the different states during the past few months, and at this writing a conflagration, destroying millions of dollars' worth of property, is raging in Paris, Texas. Homes and business houses are being wiped out and over \$2,000,000 damage sustained by a population of twenty thousand. Five thousand people are without food or shelter, and will be dependent upon others for immediate help. During the winter months, rubbish and all kinds of inflammable substance has been accumulating, and the dry winds of March will prepare this for the lighted match or stub of cigar or other means of ignition. The time to clean away everything that makes it easy for a fire to start is at hand.

"I therefore urge the week beginning April 10 be observed as clean up week, during which time, first there be united action in regard to this business. Each individual joining his neighbor in the good work. Don't wait, begin now. 'Safety first.'"

Consignor Must Pay Shortage.

The supreme court has affirmed the judgment of the district court of Buffalo county in the suit of the Union Pacific road to collect freight charges on certain shipments of lumber. W. L. Stickle Lumber company was the defendant. The lower court decided against the railroad company. The Union Pacific sued to recover the difference between a rate charged for a shipment of lumber and the amount that it should have charged under its rates filed with the interstate commerce commission. The court holds that the company is entitled to collect such a difference, but the carrier must look to the consignor of the lumber in Spokane with whom it contracted to transport the shipment. The lumber was billed to the Fall City Lumber Co., Elm Creek. Added to this on the bill was "Notify W. L. Stickle Lumber company." The railroad had charged 45 cents a hundred and later found it should have charged 60 cents.

On the State Payroll

Following is a list of the employees in the different departments of the state government, as shown by the books in the office of Auditor W. H. Smith:

Office	No. of Employees
Governor	1
Secretary of State	5
Auditor of Public Accounts	10
Attorney General	6
Treasurer	6
State Superintendent	14
Commissioner Public Lands and Bluffs	7
Railway Commission	13
Adjutant General	6
Insurance Board	4
Board of Commissioners	9
Board of Irrigation	9
Board of Equalization	12
Bureau of Labor	3
Bureau of Printing	3
State Board of Education	12
State Board of Health	4
State Board of Charities	4
Historical Society	2
Supreme Court and State Library	23
Fire Commission	4
Food, Drug, Dairy & Oil Commission	22
Total	1,734

District Court Judges

District Court Stenographers	25
State University	57
State Normal Schools	219
State Institutions	738
Total	1,039

Bar High School Fraternities.

Prof. P. M. Buck, chairman of the interfraternity council of the state university, has announced that all of the active chapters of the fraternities of the university had voted not to pledge or initiate to membership any member of a high school fraternity, after September, 1919. The date was placed three years ahead, so that high school boys who are now members of the prep school fraternities may not be barred from membership in the university societies. The question whether to bar high school frat men from the university frats was discussed by the interfraternity council in January, and submitted to the different chapters for decision. The result was not known until the announcement of Prof. Buck.

Members of the committee appointed to make a selection of the Nebraska state ode for the semi-centennial celebration met at the state superintendent's office Saturday morning to go over several hundred poems submitted in competition for the \$100 prize. The committee comprised Prof. L. A. Sherman of the state university, President W. E. Nicholl of Bellevue college and Miss Mary Crawford of the Kearney state normal school, and the award went to Rev. W. H. Buss of Fremont, Miss Helen Carragher of Lincoln, being given second place.

Brown and Keya Paha counties have applied jointly to the state board of irrigation, highways and drainage for a state aid bridge to be constructed over the Niobrara river at McLean crossing, to take the place of an old structure which was carried out by the ice this spring.

The week of April 3 is being boosted as pure food week, and the suggestion is made that "peace and plenty" be adopted as a slogan and the American flag used for decorative purposes in connection with food displays.

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As Others See Us.

"I never forget a joke that I once heard," remarked Borem.

"And what's more," rejoined Diggs. "You don't give your acquaintances a chance to, either."

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