

### BRITISH STEAMSHIP THORNABY IS SUNK

London Dispatch Says Ship Owned at Hartlepool Destroyed and Crew Killed.

ALL DETAILS ARE WITHHELD

LONDON, March 1.—The British steamship Thornaby is reported to have been sunk, all the members of the crew having been killed or drowned.

The Thornaby was owned in West Hartlepool, England. Its gross tonnage was 1,782. It was 208 feet long.

Although the British censorship prevents transmission of details concerning the reported sinking of the Thornaby, the reference to the members of the crew having probably been killed or drowned indicates it was struck by a mine or torpedo.

The German and Austrian decree regarding the sinking of armed merchantmen without warning went into effect at midnight. The Thornaby is the first vessel whose sinking has been reported since the orders became operative, but the London dispatch does not indicate whether it was armed or whether it was sunk before or after the opening of the month.

Twelve Big Liners in War Zone.

NEW YORK, March 1.—The scheduled opening of the new submarine campaign of the Teutonic powers, which was set for today, finds twelve big liners in or near the war zone, in which the Austrian and German undersea boats are operating.

The liners are Cretic of the White Star line; Italia, Italian line; Taormina, Italian line; Lafayette, French line; Philadelphia, American line; Finland, in American line service; Bergensfjord, Norwegian-American line; America, Italian line; Patria, Fabre line; Pannonia, Cunard line; and the Ioannina and Vasilefs Constantinos of the Greek line.

None of these steamers is believed to be armed unless they have mounted guns at sea.

The Italian steamship America, one of the ships which have had guns placed on board by the Italian government, is today believed to be in the war zone with 133 cabin and 1,732 steerage passengers on board bound for New York. The America, according to cable advice received by local agents here today, sailed from Naples on February 23.

### Soft Coal Miners and Operators Near Agreement on Pay

NEW YORK, March 1.—Soft coal miners and operators from the middle west were close to an agreement today on the principal points in dispute in arranging a new wage scale to go into effect the end of this month. Only a cent or less per ton stands in the way of arriving at a settlement of the miners and tonnage-increase demands.

The miners yesterday reduced their demands of a 10 per cent increase, which is equivalent to about 5 cents a ton, to 2 cents a ton on the mine-run basis. Today the operators replied they would consider a 2-cent increase. The miners asked a recess until later in the day and it is said they will agree to scale down the 2-cent increase to 2.44 cents.

In the western Pennsylvania territory the increase agreed upon will be 2.20 cents higher, as the Pittsburgh district operators have agreed to grant the miners demand of the miners and fix the mine-run basic rate at the Ohio figures. This will bring the tonnage rate up to 47 cents. On top of this will be added the general increase to be agreed upon.

### Bishop McConnell Heads Religious Education Ass'n

CHICAGO, March 1.—Bishop Francis J. McConnell of Decatur was elected president of the Religious Education association, whose annual convention closed here today.

Other officers elected were: Vice president, Henry S. Pritchett, president of the Carnegie Foundation of New York; treasurer, David R. Forgan, and secretary, Rev. Henry F. Cope, both of Chicago. J. W. MacDonald of Decatur was chosen state director.

### Men on Petrolite Say No Warning Given

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Members of the crew of the American tanker Petrolite have made affidavits to refute the contention of the Austrian government in connection with the attack on the ship by an Austrian submarine in the Mediterranean some time ago. The affidavits support the original information on which the state department made representations to Vienna.

Recently the Austrian government asked for more facts and gave its version of the incident, which was that the submarine commander mistook the American ship for a hostile merchantman about to attack him and that the master of the Petrolite voluntarily gave him provisions.

The version of the Petrolite's crew is that the ship was fired upon without warning, injuring one man of the engine room crew and that an American of its crew was held as a hostage aboard the submarine while provisions were taken from the steamer's stores.

### War Stock Shares Off Several Points

NEW YORK, March 1.—The dubious outlook caused by the greater strain in the foreign situation resulting from President Wilson's determination to force the issue on armed ships in congress contributed almost entirely to a further fall in prices in today's stock market. At the low level of the mid-session prices were at their minimum for the year and in some instances lowest in over six months.

War shares and high priced specialties fell from 5 to 12 points, greatest losses being sustained by General Motors, Cuban American Sugar, Bethlehem Steel and Texas company. United States Steel broke through 50 and other recognized leaders, including the rails, were 1 to 2 points lower.

In the final hour short covering on the first signs of support rallied prices 1 to 2 points.

### SINGS TO ACCOMPANIMENT OF HIS OWN VOICE.



PRINCE LEI LANI. Prince Lei Lani, famous Hawaiian soloist, who has a national reputation as the man with three voices, has shown his ability in his opening concert before the music lovers of this city at Mickle's Victoria parlors and at Creighton auditorium, that he possesses a voice of rare quality and merit, and a winning personality that has gained him many admirers.

His rendition of the "Rosary" and "A Perfect Day" in his soprano voice is faultless. His singing with his own voice accompanied by his own record on the Victrola was a great novelty and treat to the hearers, which also illustrates the true quality of the Victrola in producing the human voice.

### War Insurance Sea Rates Are Advanced

NEW YORK, March 1.—Rates of war risk insurance on trans-Atlantic steamers and cargoes had advanced today in anticipation of the enforcement of Germany's policy of sinking armed merchantmen without warning. The quotation on vessels bound for Mediterranean ports was increased to 2 per cent upon the receipt of cables from London saying that a similar rate had been imposed there. Previously the rate here had been about 1 per cent, but ranging upward to 1 1/2 on specially valuable cargoes.

The war risk quotation on vessels destined to English and French ports also stiffened and ranged from 1 to 1 1/2 per cent. The highest rate quoted in recent weeks on this business was 1 1/2 per cent. The reported presence of German raiders off the coast of Brazil caused the war rates on belligerent merchant ships in the South American trade to stand firmly at 2 per cent.

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### BILLARD TO RETURN PART OF PROFITS

Promoter Pays New Haven Million and Quarter in Settlement of Stock Deal Suit.

AGREEMENT IS A COMPROMISE

NEW YORK, March 1.—The suit brought by the present administration of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad to recover from John L. Billard of Meriden, Conn., profits alleged to have been due the New Haven in the deal in which the New Haven purchased shares of Boston & Maine stock seven years ago, has been settled, it was announced at the New Haven offices today. Billard has paid the New Haven \$1,250,000. It was stated.

Among other defendants in the Billard suit were Charles S. Mellen, former president, and Edward D. Robbins, former general counsel of the New Haven.

History of the Deal. Mr. Billard, a coal dealer, purchased from the New Haven in 1908 during the administration of Mr. Mellen, 119,000 shares of Boston & Maine stock at \$15 and sold it back a year later at \$10.

It was alleged that Billard was acting in the interests of the New Haven and that the deal was a fictitious transaction. The New Haven at that time was forbidden by the Massachusetts laws to own the Boston & Maine and it was charged that Billard assumed title to the stock to enable the New Haven to inform the Massachusetts authorities that they did not own control of the Boston & Maine.

Later the New Haven was authorized by the Massachusetts legislature to acquire the Boston & Maine and Billard's holdings were sold back to the road.

Railroad Financed the Deal.

Billard's ostensible profit was about \$2,700,000, but this was reduced by other transactions. According to testimony in the recent criminal action brought by the government under Sherman anti-trust law against former directors of the New Haven, Billard personally got only \$50,000. During the trial it was contended by the defendants that Billard transaction was bona fide. It was brought out by the government that Billard was, however, financed in the deal by the New Haven. Samuel Hemington, president of the First National bank of New Haven, at one time an officer of the Billard company, was also a defendant. The suit was originally for \$2,700,000 brought in Connecticut courts. The settlement represents a compromise.

Acosta Slips Back. The Washington club has transferred Outfielder Acosta to the Minneapolis club of the American association.

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