

BELGIAN STEAMSHIP SUNK BY TORPEDO

Menstier is Sent to Bottom of North Sea Off Kent Coast and Seventeen on Board Killed.

NEUTRAL SHIPS ARE SUNK

LONDON, June 8.—The Belgian steamer Menstier has been sent to the bottom by a German torpedo near North Foreland. Out of twenty-three persons on board only six were saved.

The Belgian steamer Menstier was of 1,425 net tons and was 281 feet long. It was built in Sunderland in 1908 and was owned in Antwerp.

The survivors from the Menstier were landed today at Margate. One of them, badly injured, was a hospitalier.

The Trudvang was hailed by a German submarine soon after midday yesterday when off St. Anne's head.

The submarine then sent twelve shells into the Trudvang. The shooting brought out a patrol boat from Milford Haven.

The Norwegian vessels Trudvang and Superb have been sunk by German submarines. Another Norwegian steamer to be sunk is the Giltterind of 276 tons net.

The Trudvang was a steamer of 640 tons net register; built at Bergen in 1907. It was 224 feet long, 32 feet beam and 13 feet deep.

The Superb was a bark of 1,203 tons and was built in Glasgow in 1875. It sailed from Buenos Ayres March 10 for Queenstown.

NEBRASKAN QUILTS CABINET AFTER A BREAK WITH CHIEF

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with that of the administration. Work on the note went forward, however, Mr. Bryan keeping his secret as did other officials, awaiting the hour when the communication would be ready to be cable.

Today the cabinet assembled for a final reading of the note. Mr. Bryan was absent. He declined to receive newspapermen or callers and sent out word that he had been delayed on account of important business.

At the White House no word as to the reasons for his failure to appear at the meeting were given, but after the cabinet had been discussing the note for an hour Mr. Bryan arrived telling the newspaper men at the White House that he regretted being late.

Farwell Luncheon. It was learned tonight that with the knowledge that his resignation had already been accepted by the president Mr. Bryan felt it would be indelicate to attend today's session unless his presence was desired by the president.

Wilson telephoned an invitation the secretary hurried to the White House his face somewhat drawn and pale. When the cabinet adjourned shortly after 1 o'clock, Mr. Bryan entertained seven of his colleagues, all who could attend, at luncheon at the University club.

Secretary Bryan's resignation is to take effect tomorrow, June 8. Robert Lansing, counselor of the state department, automatically will become acting secretary of state.

In submitting his resignation Mr. Bryan outlined his viewpoint on the administration's policy. Letters which have passed between the president and Mr. Bryan are said to have fully made known the incidents leading up to the resignation.

Secretary Bryan left the State department at 5:30 o'clock in company with Mrs. Bryan. Up to that time no formal announcement had been made of the secretary's resignation and he positively refused to make any reference to the subject or to himself. It was understood that following a formal announcement from the White House Mr. Bryan would probably make public the statement. Just before leaving the State department the secretary conferred with Counselor Lansing.

No hint of the resignation came until after several hours after the cabinet had adjourned. Events early in the day gave rise to many reports in official circles, but the fact that Secretary Bryan had resigned came as a distinct surprise.

It has been generally believed that while differences of opinion had existed between Mr. Bryan and the president, they had been harmonized and the note to Germany would receive unanimous approval.

As the note finally stood, however, it met the general approval of members of the cabinet. It will be dispatched tomorrow. Members of the cabinet drove away from the meeting in their carriages to the University club, where Mr. Bryan entertained seven of the ten at luncheon. He then returned to his office and was secluded for several hours. News of the fact that he had submitted his resignation traveled rapidly, and in official circles it was the topic on every lip.

It was stated that Counselor Lansing as acting secretary of state would sign the forthcoming note to Germany.

The acceptance of Secretary Bryan's resignation was formally announced at the White House at 6 o'clock this evening. Secretary Tamm gave out the following formal statement regarding Mr. Bryan's resignation: "In response, everybody connected with the president's official family deeply re-

gret that Mr. Bryan has felt it necessary to sever his relations with us. We have grown to have the deepest affection and admiration for him. As one who followed him in his many fights I cannot but feel a deep sense of personal loss in his withdrawal."

Secretary Bryan said at his home when told of the formal announcement of his resignation. "In view of the announcement of my resignation I will say, that letters being made public therewith state my reasons, but I will have a more complete statement that will be given out when the American reply to the German note is sent, which probably will be tomorrow."

Secretary Bryan's resignation was announced by Mr. Bryan at a press conference at the White House. He said that he had been asked to resign by the president and that he had accepted the offer.

Long Talked Of. That there had been friction between the president and Mr. Bryan has been the undercurrent of comment for several weeks, but as the president heretofore had always been able to secure the acquiescence of the secretary in his point of view, talk of resignation was discounted generally. It came to light today that the position of Mr. Bryan in the cabinet recently has become very embarrassing.

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President of Liquor Dealers is For Local Self-Government

CINCINNATI, June 8.—The solution of what is commonly called the liquor question depends upon what we consider the problem to be," said Samuel Woolner, Jr., of Peoria, Ill., president of the National Wholesale Liquor Dealers association, at the opening session today of that organization.

"The prohibitionists," continued Mr. Woolner, "would have us believe that the abolishment of the legitimate manufacture and sale of liquor would remove entirely the demand and stop drinking altogether; that the nation would be much better off and that the individual living in this padded and perfumed atmosphere would be happy and contented, more efficient and of more use to the community, longer lived, and stronger minded; that it would minimize murder and crime of all sorts, remove the cause of poverty and ill health and do away with almshouses, jails and insane asylums, and asylums for the feeble minded."

"The persons engaged in the liquor business contend that they are simply supplying a want and a need. The demand is here, otherwise there would be no supply, that the people have an inalienable and inborn and God-given right to the products that it relieves more misery than it causes; that it produces more joy than sorrow; that it adds to the efficiency, instead of taking away from it, that it is a tonic for the body, producing stronger and healthier minds, which is a greater preventive of crime of all kinds and causes a lesser demand for institutions such as jails and hospitals for the insane, feeble minded, etc., than would be required under prohibition or total abstinence."

After reading the annual report of United States Commissioner of Internal Revenue William H. Osborn in which illicit distilling during the last fiscal year was said to have increased slightly over the preceding year, Mr. Woolner said: "It can readily be seen from the commissioner's report that prohibition neither prohibits nor lessens the demand, merely changing from the legitimate manufacture and distribution to illegitimate."

"Let us have local self government so that every individual shall be left free to eat and drink what he chooses until he has proved himself incompetent to exercise this freedom without jeopardizing the life, property and liberty of his fellow men."

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POSTMASTERS HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

Governor Morehead Delivers Address of Welcome and John C. Wharton Responds.

PROGRAM FOR THE MEETING

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, June 8.—(Special.)—Nebraska postmasters are arriving in town today to attend the thirteenth annual session of the Nebraska state association. There are many new faces in the convention, due partly to the fact that this is the thirteenth session and partly to a democratic administration, both jointly being too much for republicans who have been attending past sessions for many years.

The officers are: W. T. Morse, friend, president; L. F. Etter, South Omaha, secretary; and R. B. Wahlgvist, Hastings, treasurer. Officers of the Fourth Class Postmasters' association are: F. L. Miller, Daykin, secretary; Hannah Price, Bennett, secretary.

A meeting of the different classes was to have been held this afternoon, but owing to the nonarrival of a sufficient number these were postponed until later.

Governor Morehead delivered the address of welcome at the Lincoln hotel, followed by Mayor Bryan with another in behalf of the city, and President Burckett of the Commercial club. The response was made by Postmaster John C. Wharton of Omaha. Other numbers of a different character continued the program, which closed with an address by Senator George W. Norris.

In the evening the postmasters and their women were tendered a theater party by the Journal-News at the Oliver theater in a rendition of "Within the Law" by the Barrow-Howard Stock company.

Today's Program. The program tomorrow will be as follows: Morning session, music, "Battle Hymn of the Republic." Invocation, Rev. W. F. Bradley, rector, St. Theresa's cathedral, Lincoln. Violin and harp selections, Miss Miriam Frueh, Miss Marjorie Shanahan, Lincoln. Paper, "What a Postmaster Must Do. What He Must Not Do and What He Cannot Do," by W. A. Danley, postmaster, Chadron.

Discussion opened by George W. Shreck, York. Address, Congressman C. O. Tobeck, Omaha. "Handling of Parcel Post Including Insured and C. O. D. Parcels," George A. Allen, postmaster, Clay Center. E. J. Davis, postmaster, North Platte. Paper, "Taking Over an Office by a New Postmaster," J. C. Craig, postmaster, Chadron.

Question box. 5:30 p. m.—Entertainment at Nebraska University. Address, Congressman Dan V. Stephens, Fremont. Paper, "Odds and Ends of the Service," E. J. Davis, postmaster, North Platte. Paper, "Taking Over an Office by a New Postmaster," J. C. Craig, postmaster, Chadron.

Association politics has already begun to develop in the selection of officers. Around the lobby of the Lincoln at noon the name of Thomas T. Ostorman, postmaster at Blair, could be frequently heard. So far there has not appeared to be any other candidates who are showing themselves, although the game is still in its first innings and there is room for more to get in.

Undertakers Meet In the Capital City (From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, June 8.—(Special.)—The thirtieth annual session of the Nebraska Funeral Directors' association began business here this morning.

President Baber called the association to order and Dr. Wharton of Lincoln delivered the invocation. Mayor Bryan welcomed the delegates in a short address, as did also President Burckett of the Commercial club. The annual message of the president and report of the secretary was given, as was also the report of the treasurer.

In the afternoon Prof. W. P. Hohenschuh of Iowa City delivered a lecture in connection with a demonstration, and in the evening another was given.

Tomorrow, besides the demonstrations by Prof. Hohenschuh, Dr. C. W. M. Foyner, secretary of the state anatomical board, will deliver a lecture, and

FRENCH TROOPS OCCUPY PART OF THE LABYRINTH

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eastern slopes of the plateau of Loreine the enemy repelled an attack by us by three violent counter attacks. This activity did not result in any change of position.

"To the northeast of the sugar refinery of Souchez we yesterday made further progress. At Neuville St. Vaast we gained possession, as a result of very violent fighting, of a further group of houses. In the region of 'The Labyrinth' a German counter attack has been repulsed.

"To the southeast of Hebuterne the Germans yesterday endeavored to recapture the positions they had lost. Four different times they were driven back. We increased our gain to the northeast by taking possession of two lines of German trenches along a front stretching for 500 yards, or as far as the roadway running between Hebuterne and Serre.

"We took a total of 150 prisoners, of whom 100 had not been wounded."

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