

### DESCRIBES ATTACK UPON THE SUSSEX

French Rear Admiral Certain Torpedo Responsible for Disaster.

#### REPORTS TO GENERAL STAFF

WASHINGTON, April 6.—A graphic account of the wreck of the British channel steamer *Sussex*, with the assertion that the vessel was deliberately torpedoed and without warning by an enemy submarine, is contained in a report by Rear Admiral Grasset to the French general staff, made public here tonight by the French embassy.

The report, dated at Boulogne, March 20, says:

"In conformity with your instructions, I proceeded to Boulogne, where I conducted an inquiry relative to the attack on the *Sussex*. On March 24, the *Sussex*, belonging to the State Railway company, and running the regular service between England and France, left Folkestone at 1:25 p. m. for Dieppe.

#### Many Women and Children

This boat carried about 230 passengers of all nationalities, a great number of these being women and children, as well as the Indian mails. This approximate figure is given by the captain. According to the company there were 263 passengers. The officer in charge of the control of tickets was severely wounded and taken to Dover. He is not in a fit state to furnish particulars.

"It was not possessed of any armament. The crew consisted of fifty-three men. From the start the speed was set at 16 knots; after having passed one mile from Dungeness the captain headed south, 5 degrees east; the weather was very fine, the sea almost calm, most of the passengers were on deck.

"Suddenly, without the slightest warning, the captain, who was on the bridge, saw before the port beam, some 100 meters away, the track of a torpedo. It was now 2:00 p. m., the time of the disaster being exactly registered by the stopping of the clocks on board the vessel. The second officer and deck officer, who were on the bridge, also distinctly saw the torpedo.

#### Executed at Once

"With great presence of mind, the captain ordered the helm hard-a-port, and stopped the starboard engine in order to avoid the torpedo by turning to starboard. These two orders were executed immediately, as is proved by the statements of the engineers of the watch.

"The ship was beginning to swing off when, eight seconds after the torpedo had been seen, a terrific explosion took place, throwing up an enormous column of water, calculating from the distance at which the torpedo first had been seen and the time which passed before the explosion, the speed of the torpedo must have been thirty-six knots, the normal speed of a torpedo.

"The ship was cut in two opposite the bridge; the after part, thanks to the solidity of the bulkheads, continued to float.

"On deck several passengers who happened to be on the port side saw the torpedo when quite close to the ship, one of them even telling his neighbor to 'look at that great fish swimming towards the ship.'

#### All Disappear

"Everybody who happened to be in the bows disappeared with that portion of the ship, which was engulfed among stones and wreckage in the foredeck and in the saloon. The crew of the vessel who were in the forecastle, the lookout in the tower, and the lookout in the crow's nest on the foremast, also disappeared.

"The captain, who had been knocked down by the column of water resulting from the explosion, ordered the crew to their emergency stations. The firemen and engineers went to their stations after having stopped the port engine and closed the draft plates of the furnaces.

"At the same time the wireless operator tried to send out distress signals, but without success, as the antenna had fallen with the foremast. The crew proceeded to their stations to launch the lifeboats and rafts. There were six lifeboats capable of carrying 34 persons, twenty-two rafts capable of carrying 34 persons and in addition six life belts. It appears from depositions made that these life belts were on the spar deck and that a number of them were in bad condition, but the crowding on deck at the time made it very difficult to move about.

#### Torpedo Pieces Found

"A number of pieces of the torpedo were found on board the *Sussex*, some of them having been handed over to the American delegation which had proceeded to Boulogne. The others will be forwarded to the ministry of marine or the maritime authorities.

"The submarine which torpedoed the *Sussex* could not be ignorant of the fact that it was attacking the mail packet of the regular cross-channel service between England and France; not only are the outlines of these boats well known to all sailors, but the course of the *Sussex* and the time of its crossing were clearly indicative of its service. It is therefore obviously a premeditated attack on an unarmed merchant ship, carried out without the slightest warnings.

"One last fact shows up still more clearly the premeditated and impudic character of the submarine's operations: A boat was dispatched at 8 p. m. to the Colliert lightship to announce the catastrophe. This boat arrived at the lightship at 11:00 p. m. Its crew was picked up by a British torpedo boat destroyer at 11:30 in the morning. During the transport a torpedo was found at the destroyer and passed a few meters astern of it. This fact has been confirmed by the British admiralty. Judging by the course covered by this boat the lightship must have been at most six or seven miles from the *Sussex*.

"It follows that the submarine must have intended to torpedo any ship which might come to the rescue of its victims."

#### How in Present Camp

"When the child is subject to attacks of dizziness, see to it that he gets a light evening meal, an unacclimated stomach may bring on an attack, also watch for the first symptoms of nervousness, and give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, as soon as the child becomes hoarse, 'Obtainable everywhere.—Advertisement.

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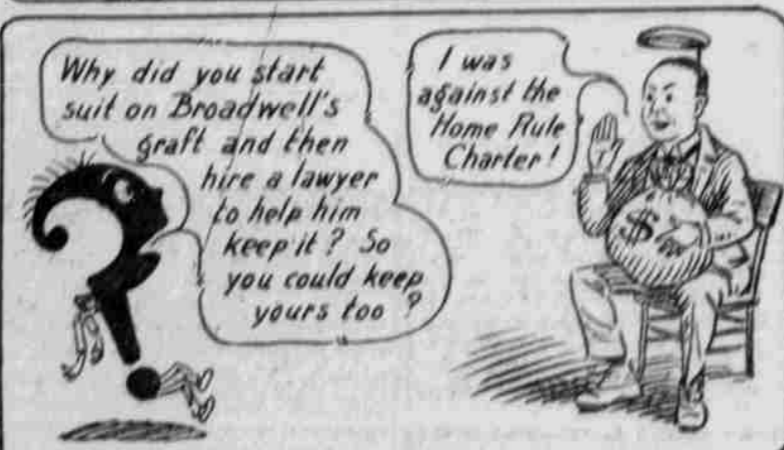
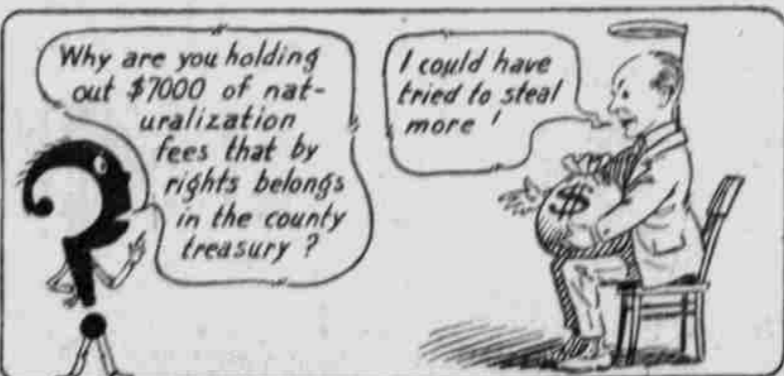
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### Bob's Answers



### Competition Among Packers Very Active, A Witness Testifies

WASHINGTON, April 6.—Denial of charges that cattle buyers for the Chicago packers are not in active competition or work in agreement was made today by J. R. Brown, editor of a live stock paper, before the house subcommittee on considering the Borland resolution looking to a packing industry inquiry. Supporters of the resolution insist a lack of competition among buyers is one of the chief causes of loss to producers.

"There actually is more than one bid on a batch of live stock," said Brown. "I repeatedly see several buyers bid on one consignment, of course there are instances of bad markets where a man may not get a single bid, but those are exceptions."

Brown also disputed the frequently repeated charge that buyers enter the yards in a body. Many times, he said, he had seen a buyer alone in the yards bidding before other buyers appeared. The bids of different buyers often vary, he declared, but he agreed with witnesses for the producers that often there was unnecessary delay in starting bidding in the morning.

"The primary purpose of Brown's appearance was to deny the allegations made earlier in the hearing that the packers control trade journals, Brown also explained he was one of two men who supply estimates for tickler service on the Chicago market. Packers have no connection with those estimates, he insisted. Both sides have agreed to close testimony today. Brown was summoned by neither side and insisted that he was neutral, but his position was questioned by Walter L. Fisher, attorney for the producers.

### American of Teuton Blood Loses Position With Cunard Line

NEW YORK, April 6.—Hermann Winter, an American, born of naturalized German parents, who since July, 1911, has been assistant to the general agent of the Cunard Steamship company in the United States, announced today that at its request he had severed his connection with that company. He was asked to do so, Mr. Winter said, because of repeated criticism regarding the retention by an English company of a man of German parentage and who also, previous to entering its service, had been employed by German steamship interests—the North German Lloyd.

Mr. Winter, one of the best known steamship men in the country, was born in Baltimore. On numerous occasions he was representative and spokesman for the various transatlantic lines at conferences held here and at Washington on matters relating to steamship interests.

### Meeting Elects Its First Mayor

SHERBURN, Neb., April 6.—(Special)—The first meeting in Sherburne under the new city form of government resulted in the following list of officials chosen with but little opposition. A. N. Mathews, mayor; T. E. Robinson, water commissioner; A. A. Miller, treasurer; S. L. Irvine, clerk; L. O. McHenry, E. J. Wood, A. M. Patterson, B. J. Schwendeman, W. H. Harding, O. W. Gardner, H. M. Thornton and J. F. Westcott, councillors. No issues involved.

### Veteran Hurt in Hurricane

SHENANDOAH, Ia., April 6.—(Special)—Found lying by the roadside between Shenandoah and Clarinda, after his team had run away from him, Jim Irwin, an old soldier, lies in the Williams hospital in a critical condition. He formerly made his home here and later spent part of his time at Northboro, Ia., and Tarkenton, Mo. For the last month he has been lying in a bed at the Clarinda fair grounds. Two of his daughters from Tarkenton are with him at the hospital.

### Mate Seeks Her Book Recs.

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### Dr. Waite Wanted to Study Germs of the Most Dread Diseases

NEW YORK, April 6.—Another arrest probably will be made tomorrow in the case of Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, who has confessed the murder of his father-in-law, John E. Peck of Grand Rapids, according to a statement made tonight by District Attorney Swann. Among those who will be questioned tomorrow by Mr. Swann will be Eugene Oliver Kane, embalmer, to whom Waite says he gave \$200 in the hope of obtaining evidence that arsenic was used in embalming Mr. Peck's body.

Mr. Swann made public tonight a letter written by Waite on March 20 to a brokerage firm with which he had dealings. "I want you to do me a favor," the letter said. "I send a check for \$1,000 and a draft for \$1,000. Will you please pay these to your account and sell sufficient stocks—say New York Central—to bring this amount up to \$15,000, and make out a check for that amount—\$15,000—to Eugene O. Kane and mail said check to me immediately?"

"You might put this letter away so no one else can refer to it, and of course I depend upon you to favor me with the utmost discretion at all times and to all questions."

The letter was written the day on which Kane admits resolving from Waite a check for \$5,000, which he says he never cashed. Additional evidence was obtained today regarding Waite's study of germs at Flower hospital in this city. The young dentist is said to have expressed a desire to obtain slides of the most virulent cultures in existence.

### Accused Men in Court

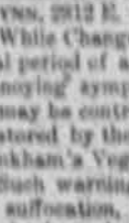
DEATRICE, Neb., April 6.—(Special Telegram)—Mike Riley, Harry Williams and George Brown, who were arrested at Cortland last week suspected of being the men who robbed the Edwards hardware store at Virginia on March 29, were arraigned today in justice court on the charge of grand larceny and breaking and entering. They pleaded not guilty and their cases were set for hearing next Monday. Some of the stolen goods was found in possession of the men when they were arrested.

### Philips Mayor of Bloomfield

BLOOMFIELD, Neb., April 6.—(Special)—There was only a citizens' ticket in the field and no local issues. Officers elected: H. W. Phillips, mayor; W. R. Hoyt, clerk; C. T. Hertz, treasurer; N. N. Baker, engineer; councilmen, G. G. Court and G. Loh.

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### COAST DEFENSE BILL LARGEST EVER

Measure Introduced in House Appropriates Nearly Hundred Millions.

#### FOR GUNS AND AMMUNITION

WASHINGTON, April 6.—The third great element of the national preparedness program was today brought into the house. It is the largest fortification bill ever reported, and the first of four annual re-issues under which it is proposed to spend approximately \$100,000,000 for increasing and modernizing the coast defenses, already officially declared to be superior to any in the world, and to supply an ample store of reserve ammunition for the guns.

Included in the bill are provisions for mounting sixteen-inch direct fire rifles to guard New York, Boston, San Francisco and other great cities from long range naval bombardment. Provision is also made for mounting twelve-inch rifles now in reserve as they will have a range of more than 20,000 yards, fifteen sea miles. No ship could live within that distance of the guns.

#### Mobile Guns Provided.

The plan will add sixteen-inch mortar batteries to the present twelve-inch emplacements because of the increased armor protection of modern battleships. In addition it provides for sixteen-inch mobile howitzers and fourteen-inch guns on railroad cars to defend points not protected by established forts.

In approving the bill the committee accepted almost without alteration the proposals of the War department and the officers, who have studied the subject of coast defenses for years.

The bill carries appropriation of \$31,000,000 and additional authorizations to reach a total of \$51,200,000. It is the first of the bills mapped out by former Secretary Garrison to cover a four-year program of expenditure totaling \$270,000,000 on the continental coast defenses and reserve material. The Panama canal defense bill will add \$1,500,000 to the project reaching a grand total of \$9,500,000.

The committee cut down the 1917 estimates \$1,228,973. As the bill stands, however, it represents an increased expenditure over last year of \$16,556,822.

#### At Reserve Ammunition the Reports

"A review of the subject in the light

of the European war caused the board to very greatly increase the amount of such reserve ammunition thought to be requisite, and it has submitted this year an estimate of \$3,000,000, with a contract authorization of \$2,000,000 to be expended toward securing a new reserve. The committee has allowed in its entirety the estimate submitted, making an appropriation in effect of \$6,000,000 for this purpose as against previous annual appropriations of \$30,000,000.

The report shows that four of the new sixteen-inch guns will be emplaced at Cape Henry, Va.; two at Rockaway Beach, N. Y.; others at San Francisco and San Pedro, Cal. Long range twelve-inch guns will go to New York, Boston and either Portland, Me., or San Francisco.

#### DEATH RECORD

George Hall.  
PAWNEE CITY, April 6.—(Special)—George Hall, and old resident of Pawnee City, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Vernon Bacom, in Los Angeles, Cal., March 27, and was buried here yesterday. Mr. Hall lived in Pawnee county for many years. He had been in failing health for some time. He was born in Christian county, Illinois, October 18, 1829. He served for three years during the civil war in the Forty-first Illinois volunteers. Three brothers and his daughter survive him.

Mrs. William Rose.  
NEHAWKA, Neb., April 6.—(Special)—Mrs. William Rose died yesterday of concussion of the brain, caused by falling down the cellar steps of her home. Mrs. Rose was born in Norway, eighty years ago. She was married to Mr. Rose and came to Nehawka in 1881. She was the mother of three children, William A. and Anna Norris of Ayoca and Fred P. of Nehawka. The funeral services will take place Friday.

Mrs. Mary Schroeder.  
AVOCA, Neb., April 6.—(Special)—Mrs. Mary Schroeder, aged 29 years, wife of Carl Schroeder, died at her home north of town yesterday of pneumonia. She was sick only one week. She is survived by her husband and four small children.

Arthur Ritter.  
LYONS, Neb., April 6.—(Special)—The body of Arthur Ritter, aged 34, was brought here today for burial, from Fort Madison, Ia., where he died suddenly. He was a son of James Ritter, who lived here in pioneer days.

#### State Employee Ill

LINCOLN, April 6.—(Special)—Assistant State Engineer William Steckelsberg left yesterday for Excelsior Springs. He has been suffering for some time from a severe attack of rheumatism, which has resulted in his having to go about on crutches.

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