

# Senate OK's Break; British Liner Sunk

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### SENATE APPROVES BREAK WITH THE GERMAN EMPIRE

With Five Members Voting  
Against It, Resolution En-  
dorsing Wilson's Action  
Passes Upper House.

#### FOLLOWS STORMY DEBATE

Kirby, Vardaman, Gronna,  
Works and La Follette, Op-  
pose Formal O. K.

#### FIVE HOURS' DISCUSSION

Washington, Feb. 7.—President  
Wilson's severance of diplomatic re-  
lations with Germany was formally  
approved today by the senate.

By a vote of 78 to 5 the senate  
expressed confidence in the presi-  
dent's course, adopting a resolution  
submitted by Chairman Stone of the  
foreign relations committee endorsing  
the withdrawal of American Ambassa-  
dor Gerard from Berlin and giving to  
German Ambassador Bernstorff his  
passports.

#### Senators Who Voted "No."

Senators who voted against the  
resolution were: Democrats, Kirby of  
Arkansas and Vardaman of Missis-  
sippi; republicans, Gronna, North Da-  
kota; Works, California, and La Fol-  
lette, Wisconsin.

Five hours of debate preceded the  
vote, but the only active opposition  
came from the five senators who  
stood out against the resolution when  
the roll was called. The ranking re-  
publican leaders joined the demo-  
crats in declaring their whole-hearted  
support of the president.

#### Text of Resolution.

The resolution follows:

"Whereas, the president has for the  
reasons stated in his address delivered  
to the congress in joint session on  
February 3, 1917, severed diplomatic  
relations with the imperial German  
government by the recall of the  
American ambassador at Berlin and  
by handing his passports to the Ger-  
man ambassador at Washington, and  
"Whereas, notwithstanding this sever-  
ance of diplomatic intercourse the  
president has expressed his intention  
to avoid conflict with the imperial  
German government, and

#### Approval of Action.

"Whereas, the president declared in  
this said address that if in his judg-  
ment an occasion should arise for  
further action in the premises on the  
part of the government of the United  
States he would submit the matter to  
the United States congress and ask  
the authority of congress to use such  
measures as he might deem necessary  
for protection of American seamen  
and people in the prosecution of their  
peaceful and legitimate rights on the  
high seas.

"Therefore, be it resolved by the  
senate that the senate approves the  
action taken by the president as set  
forth in his address delivered before  
congress as stated above."

"I have presented the resolution,"  
said Senator Stone, in bringing the  
matter before the senate, because I  
think we should let the world know  
that we support the president in his  
United States whenever acting within  
his constitutional power he speaks  
authoritatively for the country.

#### Thought Waiting Advisable.

"There are senators who thought it  
would have been the better part of  
wisdom if the president had postponed  
the severance of diplomatic relations  
with Germany at least until  
Germany had committed some overt  
act offensive to this government and  
sufficiently aggravated to warrant a  
step so grave in possible conse-  
quences, but the president took a dif-  
ferent view which with great ability  
he strongly supported in his address  
before the joint session.

"I think it both wise and advisable  
for the senate to say officially that  
it accepts and approves this action  
of the nation's chief magistrate."

Senator Kirby made his first ad-

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### United States Will Not Convey Ships

Washington, D. C., Feb. 7.—The  
American liner St. Louis will not  
be given a convoy if it decides to  
sail for England through the Ger-  
man submarine zone, it was an-  
nounced at the State department  
today.

The government is acting on the  
policy that Americans have an in-  
alienable right to traverse the high  
seas, that the German submarine  
blockade is entirely illegal and that  
any sinking of American ships in  
contravention of law would im-  
mediately lead to hostilities.

### AMERICAN CRAFT POSTPONE SAILING

St. Louis and St. Paul Again  
Delay Departure on Word  
From Washington.

#### NO PASSES FOR WOMEN

New York, Feb. 7.—Sailing of the  
American line steamships St. Louis  
and St. Paul, now in the port of New  
York, has been indefinitely postponed,  
it was announced here tonight by P.  
A. Franklin, president of the Inter-  
national Mercantile Marine.

The announcement followed an of-  
ficial statement received by tele-  
phone from the State department at Wash-  
ington declining to advise persons as  
whether or not their ships should  
start on voyages which would take  
them within the war zones laid down  
by Germany. The State department  
pointed out, however, that neutral  
vessels may arm themselves for de-  
fense if the owners so elect and that  
it is the right of an American vessel  
to traverse any part of the high seas.

#### Mustn't Book Passengers.

The International Mercantile Marine  
today sent out instructions to its  
agents throughout the country re-  
questing them to cease booking pas-  
sengers on American line ships.

Although there has been no can-  
cellation of sailings of British or allied  
ships from American ports, it was  
learned here today that the British  
consulate is refusing to issue pas-  
sports for women and children on  
ships destined to pass through the  
war zone. No formal notice has been  
issued, but applications for women  
and children are refused.

Evidence that the thirty-one Ger-  
man and Austrian ships self-detained  
in this port have been disabled and  
that most of their crews left them  
prior to the placing of a guard over  
the ships by the customs authorities  
on Sunday, is in possession of federal  
officers, it was authoritatively learned  
today. The ships are so badly dam-  
aged that six or eight months will be  
required for repairs.

#### Over 4,000 Vanish.

Figures that were made public also  
show that more than 4,000 members  
of the crews have vanished. There  
were 5,400 officers and men aboard the  
vessels at the outbreak of the war.

The Holland-American Ryndam,  
which sailed from New York January  
29, is returning to this port, a cable  
message from the Holland-American's  
line's officers abroad informed the  
local officers.

There are ninety-seven passengers  
on the Ryndam, sixty-eight in the  
first and twenty-nine in the second  
cabin. Among the passengers is  
Desire Derrille, American consular  
agent at Luxembourg.

### British Capture the Grandcourt Village, Says Official Report

London, Feb. 7.—"As a result of  
our continuous pressure on both  
banks of the river Acre, the enemy  
has been forced to evacuate the vil-  
lage of Grandcourt, which is now en-  
tirely in our possession," says the  
British official communication issued  
this evening.

### Union Pacific to Open Up a New Scenic Spot

The Union Pacific has about com-  
pleted the line for arrangements by  
which during the coming season it  
will take tourists into Little Zion  
canyon, a section of country that,  
it is asserted, contains more natural  
attractions than the Yosemite Na-  
tional park.

"The Little Zion is seventy-five miles  
off the San Pedro line, in the road,  
this distance south of Lund, Utah. Tour-  
ists will leave the railroad at Lund  
and make the trip by automobile into  
the canyon, where hotels are to be  
erected. The road from Lund is  
through fertile valleys and over  
mountain ranges, ending in the can-  
yon that in places spreads out to  
a mile in width, with sides 4,000 to  
5,000 feet high.

### Pioneer Papillion Woman Is Dead at Her Home There

Mrs. Carl Niemann, aged 72 years,  
died at her home in Papillion yester-  
day of paralysis. She had lived in  
Papillion for thirty years. She leaves  
three daughters and four sons. The  
daughters are Mrs. C. H. Ross, wife  
of Dr. Ross, Omaha, and Misses Alice  
and Lillian Griffith. The sons are  
William Griffith of Salem, Mo., and  
three sons still in England. The  
funeral will be held at Papillion Sat-  
urday at 1 p. m.

### Fifth Nebraska Scheduled At Fort Crook This Morning

The first troop train of the Fifth  
Nebraska regiment left Kansas City  
at 4:30 Wednesday afternoon and is  
scheduled to arrive at Fort Crook at  
12:30 this morning. The second troop  
train left one hour behind the first,  
and is scheduled to arrive at 1:30.

### GERARD IS SAID TO BE AT BERNE ENROUTE HOME

Dispatch from Ambassador  
Willard Indicates that He  
May Have Left the  
German Capital.

#### REGARDED AS A HOSTAGE

Report that He Would Be De-  
tained Until Bernstorff  
Has Safe Conduct.

#### FURTHER WORD EXPECTED

Paris, Feb. 7.—A Havas dispatch  
from Barcelona, Spain, says that  
Ambassador Gerard will sail from that  
port for the United States on a Span-  
ish transatlantic liner.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Ambassador  
Willard at Madrid reported to the  
State department today that he had  
received a dispatch from Ambassador  
Gerard, sent from Berne, Switzerland.  
Although no word came from Am-  
bassador Gerard himself or from  
American Minister Stovall at Berne,  
the State department interpreted Mr.  
Willard's dispatch as indicating that  
Mr. Gerard had left Berlin and got-  
ten as far as the Swiss capital.

The fact that Mr. Gerard was not  
expected to leave Berlin before Sun-  
day coupled with the possibility that  
he may have sent a dispatch to Berne  
to be transmitted to Ambassador Willard  
makes it possible, however, that  
Mr. Gerard has not left Germany, but  
officials expect further advices during  
the day.

The State department had sent to  
Ambassador Willard a dispatch to be  
forwarded to Ambassador Gerard in  
Berlin, which would be of value only  
in case Mr. Gerard still were in the  
German capital.

Ambassador Willard replied he had  
received a dispatch from Mr. Gerard  
at Berne and wished instruction as to  
whether he should forward the de-  
partment's dispatch to him there.

No direct report has been received  
from Mr. Gerard or from the Ameri-  
can minister at Berne, but word is  
expected during the day which will  
clarify the situation. The last dis-  
patch from Mr. Gerard at Berlin was  
dated February 5.

#### Step Aimed at Entente.

From European sources, outside of  
Germany the government has learned  
that the German government actually  
did consider Mr. Gerard practically  
as a hostage until it received advices  
from Washington detailing the ar-  
rangements made for the safe depart-  
ure of Count von Bernstorff.

It was disclosed today that on  
Monday the State department sent a  
long dispatch, giving the plans  
worked out for the safe departure of  
the former German ambassador  
and his suite. Any plans German of-  
ficials might have entertained to re-  
strain the departure of Mr. Gerard  
were then, of course, dropped.

The German government's action is  
believed to have been more in the  
nature of a move to compel a safe  
return of Count von Bernstorff  
through the allied blockade rather  
than any step against Mr. Gerard or  
the United States.

In line with its policy of doing  
nothing to force further strained re-  
lations with Germany, it was officially  
reiterated today that the administra-  
tion is taking the greatest care to  
see that no right of any foreign gov-  
ernment or foreign property is vio-  
lated.

It was added that the government  
has nowhere seized German ships or  
claimed title of any sort to them.

It was authoritatively declared on  
behalf of the administration that the  
only action taken has been to put  
vessels and their crews under such  
guard and protection as to prevent  
anything being done which would  
violate the laws to which they would  
in any case be subject. Only the  
necessary precautions, it was said,  
are being taken against violations of the  
law of any sort.

#### Statement by Baker.

Secretary Baker gave out the fol-  
lowing statement:

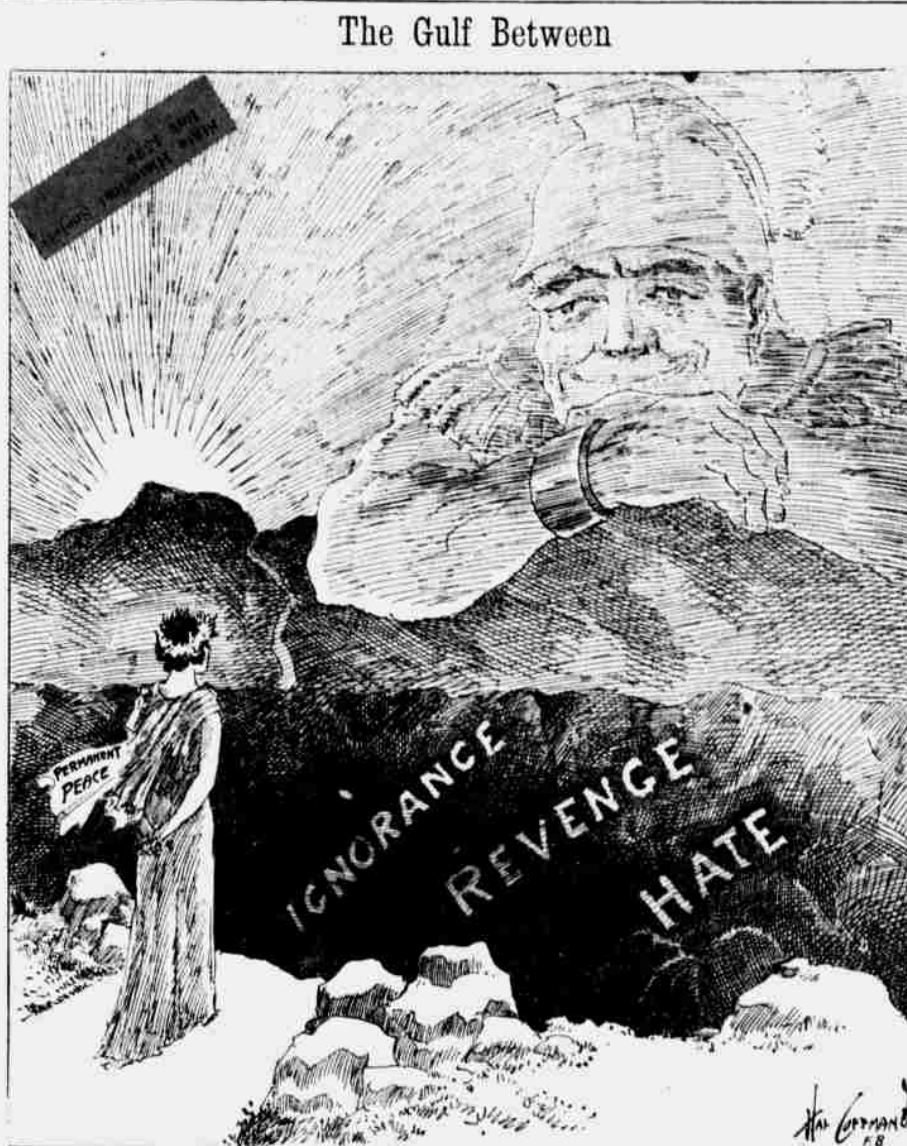
"In the harbors of Manila and else-  
where in the Philippine Islands and  
at Colon, Panama, the German mer-  
chant vessels were discovered to have  
had certain parts of their machinery  
removed, and in some instances evi-  
dences of preparation for the sinking  
of these vessels had been made.

"Solely for the purpose of protect-  
ing the several harbors and other  
shipping and property therein, steps  
have been taken to prevent damage,  
but none of the ships have been  
seized by the government of the  
United States and in all cases the  
commanders and crews have been in-  
formed that the government of the  
United States had made no seizures,  
claims no right to the vessels and  
does not deny the right of the com-  
mander and crew to dismantle the  
vessels if they see fit, so long as the  
destruction is accomplished in a way  
which will not obstruct navigable port  
waters or injure or endanger other  
shipping or property.

"The breach of diplomatic rela-  
tions between the governments of  
the United States and Germany has  
not changed the relation of these  
ships or their crews to the govern-  
ment of the United States nor for-  
feited their right to hospitality and  
steps taken are limited to necessary  
police regulations to prevent injury to  
the property of others or the obstruc-  
tion of harbor waters."

#### Gerard at Berlin Tuesday.

Berlin, Feb. 6.—(Via London, Feb.  
7.)—The foreign office thus far has  
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### PORT ADELAIDE IS GIVEN NO WARNING

British Admiralty Says Vessel  
Given No Notice Before  
Being Sent to Bottom.

#### FROST WILL SECURE DATA

London, Feb. 7.—An official state-  
ment issued today by the British gov-  
ernment concerning the sinking by a  
German submarine of the British pas-  
senger liner Port Adelaide says:

"The British steamer Port Ade-  
laide, carrying passengers from Lon-  
don to Australia, was torpedoed  
without warning on Saturday by a  
German submarine. The passengers  
were rescued by the Dutch steamer  
Samarinda and landed at Vigo. The  
master, however, was made prisoner  
aboard the submarine.

"Germany's withdrawal of its  
pledge to the United States not to  
sink passenger ships without due  
warning thus has been emphasized."

#### Page Sends Orders.

Ambassador Page today forwarded  
to Wesley Frost, the American con-  
sul at Cork, instructions from Wash-  
ington to obtain affidavits from mem-  
bers of the crew of the British steam-  
ship Evestone.

The Evestone, according to an of-  
ficial report, was sunk by a German  
submarine, which shelled the boats as  
they were leaving the sinking steamer,  
killing the captain and three seamen,  
one of whom was Richard Wallace,  
an American negro.

The Central News says it has  
learned that the Belgian relief ship  
Lars Kruse, which was sunk near the  
Belgian coast on Monday, was tor-  
pedoed.

#### Story of Palmleaf Crew.

The crew of the British steamer  
Palmleaf assert that after their vessel  
had been torpedoed by a German sub-  
marine the captain and chief engi-  
neer were made prisoners by the Ger-  
mans, who left the other members  
of the ship's company in open boats.

### German Dynamite Plant is Blown Up; 200 Women Killed

Amsterdam, Feb. 7.—(Via London.)  
—According to Les Nouvelles of  
Maastricht, Holland, a dynamite fac-  
tory at Schellesbusch, near Cologne  
was blown up on January 27, causing  
the death of 200 persons, mostly  
women.

An explosion last Thursday on the  
railway between Aix-la-Chapelle and  
Louvain, this newspaper reports,  
caused the death or injury of twenty-  
six Belgian workmen.

### Mexican Boys Work Manual Of Arms Until Hands Blistered

Mexico City, Jan. 15.—Many a  
Mexican school boy has blisters on  
his hands as a result of the military  
training all scholars are compelled to  
undergo, for the instruction is not  
confined to drill and manual of arms,  
but includes a thorough course in pick  
and shovel work in the trenches.

The Campos de Anzuces, or plains  
lying near the castle of Chapultepec,  
are criss-crossed with a thorough sys-  
tem of trenches and fortifications con-  
structed by the cadets. On these  
plains are staged sham battles at regu-  
lar intervals. The boys are instruct-  
ed by army officers and often are  
maneuvered with regular troops.

### The Gulf Between

### ONE WILD HORSE MAN TO THE PEN

Terms in Jail or Fines for  
Others Imposed by Judge  
Woodrough.

#### TWO ARE TO TAKE APPEALS

One year and one day in the gov-  
ernment penitentiary at Fort Leaven-  
worth, Kan., was the sentence im-  
posed upon Charles M. Thompson of  
Omaha, banker, real estate operator  
and convicted conspirator in the Ariz-  
ona wild horse case, by Judge  
Woodrough in federal court Wednes-  
day afternoon.

Four other sentences were pro-  
nounced by Judge Woodrough, but  
none of the penalties were as heavy  
as the one imposed upon Thompson.

A. C. Smith of Omaha was sen-  
tenced to serve three months in the  
Grand Island jail. Charles W. West  
of Lincoln was fined \$500, and upon  
his inability to pay the fine was com-  
mitted to the Grand Island jail. R.  
B. Burwick of Elston, Ia., and John  
Booley of Omaha were each fined  
\$300.

#### Postpones Action Two Weeks.

William Hinkley of Brayton, S. D.,  
through his attorney, asked that the  
court delay pronouncement of sen-  
tence upon him because, although a  
man of considerable means, his prop-  
erty is so encumbered at the present  
time it would take a few days for him  
to raise the money to pay the sum he  
might be fined. Accordingly Judge  
Woodrough postponed his case two  
weeks. It is believed Hinkley will be  
given a somewhat larger fine than the  
others who were fined.

Sentence was not pronounced upon  
J. Sidney Smith of Omaha because  
Smith was taken ill while on his way  
to Omaha and had to be removed  
from the train at Mason City, Ia.  
Sentence will be pronounced upon him  
later.

Thompson and Smith, it is under-  
stood, will appeal. Those upon whom  
fines were imposed, it is believed, will  
pay. New bond for the same amount  
must be given by Thompson, but  
Smith's was reduced from \$10,000 to  
\$5,000.

### Doctors Divide on Merits of Measure Before Legislature

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, Feb. 7.—(Special Tele-  
gram.)—A large number of physicians  
from Lincoln, Omaha and points out-  
side in the state held a seance with  
the medical committees of the legisla-  
ture this evening in consideration of  
the bills before the legislature, more  
especially House Bill No. 124, known  
as the Fox bill, which makes a rad-  
ical change in the health depart-  
ment of the state, making three de-  
partments, with a head for each.

Those favorably to the bill were  
headed by Dr. B. F. A. Riley of Lin-  
coln. Among those who spoke were  
Dr. Milroy, president of the State  
Medical society; Dr. J. P. Lord of  
Omaha; Dr. Miller of Broken Bow;  
Dr. Irvin S. Cutter of the Omaha  
Medical college; Dr. Diller of Auburn  
and several others, including Attor-  
ney M. A. Hall, representing the  
Omaha Commercial club. Dr. Cum-  
mins and Dr. Carr of the present  
board of secretaries of the State  
Board of Health, Dr. F. R. Wilmoth,  
Dr. A. C. Shoemaker of Lincoln and  
others spoke against the bill. The  
committee took no action.

### IMPLEMENT DEALERS ARE NOT TO GET IN

Hardware Men of State Favor  
Having Their Own People  
in Organization.

#### NO ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

The Nebraska Retail Dealers'  
Hardware association is not in favor  
of taking in the implement men as  
associate members. This was the  
sentiment expressed at the afternoon  
session Wednesday of the hardware  
men's convention. The Midwest Im-  
plement Dealers' association had  
made formal application for associate  
membership in the hardware men's  
organization.

The business of buying was the  
subject discussed during most of the  
forenoon. The discussion was led by  
E. M. Healey of Dubuque, Ia. He  
declared that a dealer must know how  
to buy right and also that he cannot  
expect to hold trade by buying only  
the cheapest grades of stock. "You  
can't hold trade," he said, "unless  
you give the best service for the  
money. Most of the profit must be  
made through the careful buying of  
goods."

#### Buy Advertised Goods.

The speaker urged the members to  
buy nationally-advertised goods. "The  
manufacturers are spending thousands  
of dollars," he said, "to advertise and  
make their particular product known  
throughout the country. They are  
educating the buying public to ask for  
a certain brand, and you must carry  
it."

The Nebraska Hardware Mutual  
Insurance company, made up of mem-  
bers of the association, is to have a  
few sessions of the policy holders  
during the convention. This com-  
pany has added to its assets, is in-  
creasing dividends, and has decided  
to maintain the established board  
rates which the inspection bureau is  
fixing on rates throughout the state.

### McAdoo's Brother Denies Charge of Thomas W. Lawson

Washington, Feb. 7.—The congress-  
ional leak investigating committee  
continued today its inquiry with the  
question of concluding the hearings  
still undetermined.

Malcom R. McAdoo, a brother of  
Secretary McAdoo, hotly denied at  
the inquiry today that he ever acted  
as a "go-between" for the secretary  
and C. D. Barney & Co., New York  
brokers, in a Wall street deal, as re-  
ported to the committee by Thomas  
W. Lawson.

### Asks for Half Million to Aid Americans in Europe

Washington, Feb. 7.—An emer-  
gency appropriation of \$500,000 for  
relief, protection and transportation  
of American citizens in Europe was  
asked of congress today by Secre-  
tary Lansing.

The secretary did not mention spe-  
cifically the situation in which many  
Americans in the Teutonic countries  
are placed by the break with Ger-  
many, merely calling attention to the  
continued extraordinary expenses of  
the State department on account of  
the war and suggesting that the nec-  
essary money be provided immedi-  
ately, "in view of apparent develop-  
ments in the international relations  
of the United States within the last  
few days."

### PASSENGER SHIP CALIFORNIA SUNK OFF IRISH COAST

Crack Steamer of Anchor Line  
Sent to Bottom by Mine or  
Torpedo, with Probable  
Loss of Life.

#### NO AMERICANS ON BOARD

Vessel Carried Thirty-One Pas-  
sengers and Crew of Hun-  
dred and Eighty-Four.

#### REPORT 160 SURVIVORS

New York, Feb. 7.—The British  
passenger liner California, one of the  
crack ships of the Anchor line fleet,  
has been sunk off the coast of Ireland,  
with a probable loss of life. Messages  
to the State department in Washing-  
ton and to the officers of the line  
at New York today told of the cata-  
strophe, but did not say whether it  
was torpedoed or struck by a mine.

The liner carried thirty-one passen-  
gers and a crew of 184, none of  
whom, as far as is known, was an  
American. Advices to the local of-  
fices said there were 160 survivors;  
those to the State department from  
Consul Frost at Queenstown that one  
life was lost and that there were  
"thirty hospital cases."

#### Carried Stern Gun.

The California was armed when it  
left here with a stern gun, and car-  
ried a cargo, including war supplies,  
it was said.

The passengers, it was said by of-  
ficials of the line, were all British or  
Canadian subjects. The British ship-  
ping commissioner here said that only  
four members of the crew were  
shipped at this port, none of them be-  
lieved to be Americans. The rest of the  
crew, he said, was taken on at Glasgow  
and he believed they were all British sub-  
jects.

#### The vessel was due at Glasgow to- day or tomorrow.

#### Henderson Commander.

The California carried a crew of  
184. It was commanded by Captain  
John L. Henderson.

Although many in the passenger  
list are recorded as coming from  
American cities, it was explained by  
the officials that all the passengers  
were nevertheless British or Cana-  
dian, who either resided in their  
home countries or had been booked  
from there.

The California was built at Glasgow  
in 1907 and is registered as a vessel  
of 8,622 tons gross and 470 feet in  
length.

The California's general cargo of  
supplies for the use of the British  
government included munitions.

#### The Passenger List.

The California's passenger list fol-  
lows:

First Cabin—J. L. Broughton, Shanghai,  
China.  
Second Cabin—Mrs. A. Smith, Mrs. J.  
Kidd, Edith Smith (infant), Calgary, Al-  
berta; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Anderson and  
son, Vancouver, B. C.; Mr. and Mrs. A.  
Gillchrist, New York City; Miss Rose Mar-  
tin, White Plains, N. Y.; Alex. Martin, De-  
troit, Mich.; Mrs. A. Guthrie, Casper, Wyo.;  
Mrs. Mary J. O'Donnell, Master Corneille  
O'Donnell, Master James O'Donnell, Miss  
Mary O'Donnell, Philadelphia; Neil Gillies,  
New York City; Miss Margaret MacLeod,  
New York City; Miss Madge Roberts, Tor-  
onto, Ont.; Miss Annie Chambers, Fifth  
Ct., N. Y.

#### British Liner Sunk.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Sinking of the  
British liner California, New York  
for Glasgow, off the coast of Ireland,  
was reported to the State department  
late today in a dispatch from Con-  
sul Frost at Queenstown.

The report said there was one life  
lost and "thirty hospital cases" and  
gave no other details of the cata-  
strophe.

#### Consul Frost's dispatch was as follows:

"Anchor line California has been  
sunk; bound Glasgow, presumably  
from New York; 200 persons on  
board; one death, thirty hospital  
cases; survivors reach here late to-  
night."

#### Casper Woman on Board.

Casper, Wyo., Feb. 7.—Mrs. Alex-  
ander Cutbill, a passenger on board  
the liner California, sailed two weeks  
ago to visit her parents in Scotland.  
She is the wife of a foreman for a  
sheep grower. She is a native of  
Scotland.

Mrs. Cutbill's husband recently  
took out first naturalization papers  
and filed on a homestead claim near  
here.

### Have you an extra room which is being kept warm and no one to occupy it.

Phone Tyler 1000  
and let a small want-  
ad fill that room and  
help to pay the coal  
bill.

Competent ad writers  
at your service.

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