

# Three U. S. Ships Sunk; 14 Men Missing

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### SUBMARINES SINK AMERICAN SHIPS BY SHOT AND TORPEDO

Fourteen Men Missing From  
Vigilancia and Several From  
City of Memphis, Sent  
Down in War Zone.

**SHELLS SINK ONE BOAT**  
German Submarine Sinks An-  
other Without Showing  
at Surface.

#### HISTORY OF THE BOATS

London, March 18.—The sinking of the American steamers City of Memphis, Illinois and Vigilancia was announced today. Fourteen men from the Vigilancia are missing, as are some of the men from the City of Memphis. The crew of the Illinois was landed safely.

The City of Memphis, in ballast, from Cardiff to New York, was sunk by gunfire. A patrol boat has gone in search of the other members of the crew. The Illinois, from London for Port Arthur, Tex., in ballast, was sunk at 8 o'clock this morning.

#### Sunk Without Warning.

The Vigilancia was torpedoed without warning. The submarine did not appear. The captain, first and second mates, first, second and third engineers and twenty-three of the crew have been landed at the Scilly Islands. The fourth engineer and thirteen men are missing.

#### Many Americans Aboard.

New York, March 16.—Forty-eight men who were Americans by birth or by naturalization and nine others, several of whom are believed to be naturalized Americans, comprised the crew of the American freight steamer City of Memphis, reported from London today as having been sunk by a submarine. The vessel, itself valued at \$600,000, had weathered safely many adventures in European waters on previous voyages since the war began.

Owned by the Ocean Steamship company, commonly known as the Savannah line, the City of Memphis, of 5,223 tons gross, sailed from New York January 23, carrying 9,653 bales of cotton valued at \$600,000. This it delivered at Havre, France, and was on the way home in ballast when sunk.

#### Had American Papers.

Its captain was L. P. Borum of Norfolk, Va., where he was born of American parents. Every officer aboard had his American license and every naturalized American had his naturalization papers in compliance with a rule laid down by the ship's owners.

While on its last voyage from New York, the City of Memphis was halted off the Scilly Islands, January 29, by a German submarine, whose captain demanded to see the papers it carried. A mate went aboard the U-boat and was informed that inasmuch as the American carried a contraband cargo it ought to be sunk, but that because America and Germany were on friendly relations, it might proceed.

A message received here yesterday by W. H. Pleasant, president of the Ocean Steamship company, from Captain Borum, announced the ship's departure from Cardiff on Friday, so that it was less than forty-eight hours out, when sunk.

#### German Fired Salute.

Built in Chester, Pa., in 1902, the City of Memphis, while in the coastwise trade in May, 1914, was chartered by the government during a crisis in the relations between the United States and Mexico to transport supplies by way of Galveston to American troops occupying Vera Cruz. As it left Boston harbor a brass gun mounted on deck.

On its voyage into the war zone the City of Memphis each night carried a reflector above an American flag painted on either side and the ship's name appeared in six-foot letters in several places.

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### ARMIES OF RUSSIA JOIN REVOLUTION

Reported to Be Unanimous for  
New Move and One  
Against Foe.

#### TO DRAFT CONSTITUTION

Petrograd (Via London), March 18.—With the cementing of the elements concerned in the construction of the new government upon the ruins of the old, the new cabinet ministers have assumed the posts to which they were assigned. Prof. Paul N. Milukoff yesterday received at the foreign office the diplomatic representatives of the entente allies, after which he entered upon a long cabinet conference. One of the first acts of the minister was to notify Russian diplomats abroad that Russia was united in the desire to fight out the war with the allies, the determination to continue on the conflict until victory is achieved, being stronger than ever.

#### Army With New Move.

The armies in the field have advised that the abdication of the emperor has been enthusiastically acquiesced in, according to a foreign official. Telegrams from virtually all the commanders have been received assuring their support, guaranteed in advance by General Michael Alexiev, chief-of-staff.

Meanwhile the last vestiges of the empire are disappearing. Portraits of the erstwhile members of the imperial family, once seen upon the walls of almost every government office, have been removed. While the correspondent of The Associated Press waited in an ante room of the foreign minister's office, a liveried attendant mounted a chair and quietly took down portraits of the former emperor and empress. The national colors, with their eagles, have given place to plain red flags, one of which floats over the famous winter palace.

#### Naming Government.

The proper designation of the new government appears to puzzle even officials. "Government," "constitution" is the appellation used in foreign office dispatches sent abroad. While of a temporary nature, it is a permanent compared with the first Duma committee in the opinion of one official, although it is contemplated that the cabinet heads shall govern only until those elected by a constitutional assembly shall replace them. The assembly, comprising 600 members to be selected by popular vote will determine the form of the future government and draft a new constitution.

#### Will Push War.

Confidence is everywhere expressed that under the new government the country will be enabled to carry on operations upon a much larger scale than before and considerably magnify its efforts toward a speedy termination of the war. Endless friction between departments and the continual fear of the old government that too complete organization might result in the sudden growth of popular power have left a great part of the resources of the country inert and useless.

#### Little Excitement.

Probably no revolution of similar magnitude ever had a less colorful aftermath or was accepted by the people so vitally affected with less of a demonstration. With the exception of a few parades, chiefly in the district of the Duma people went soberly about their business yesterday as if satisfied with a good task well performed.

### Boys Get Prizes For Making Best Homes for Birds

Over fifty clever bird houses were made by boys and entered in the Burgess-Nash annual contest, prizes in which were awarded Saturday afternoon at the store.

Manager A. L. Green of the advertising department, who conducted the contest in the sporting goods section has had many offers to buy the bird houses and will assist the boys in selling their handiwork.

Miss Joy Higgins, Miss Elizabeth Rooney, Miss Jeannette McDonald and Miles Greenleaf of the Audubon society were judges and made these awards offered by the Burgess-Nash company:

Best blue bird house: First, John Janak, 1125 South Eighth street, \$10 merchandise certificate; second, William Emerick, 1123 South Twenty-eighth street, \$5 merchandise certificate; third, Harold Marsh, 4906 Webster street, \$2.50 merchandise certificate. Best wren house: First, George Venet, 2400 North Forty-fifth avenue, \$10 merchandise certificate; second, Arnold Mullmann, Lyons, Neb., \$5 merchandise certificate; third, Anton Knoff, 7223 Madison street, \$2.50 merchandise certificate. Most original idea in bird houses: First, Gordon Pray, 2910 Davenport street, \$10 merchandise certificate; second, Hugo Galt, 2648 Tenth avenue, \$5 merchandise certificate.

Though not entered in the competition, a martin house made and displayed by H. W. George, 70, 1223 "Ark" avenue, attracted much attention along with the houses made by the boy bird lovers.

#### Jerold Wirthsafter Dies

##### Of Bronchial Pneumonia

Jerold Wirthsafter, younger son of Frank Wirthsafter of The Bee building cigar store, died of bronchial pneumonia Sunday afternoon at the family residence, 110 South Twenty-ninth avenue. He had been ill about two weeks. His death was a great shock to the family and many friends.

"Jerry," as he was best known, was 18 years of age. Until recently, he was a student at Central High school, where he was popular and received high grades in his classes. Funeral services will probably be held Tuesday afternoon, with burial in Pleasant Hill cemetery.

### MORALS RAIDERS FALL ON T. M. A. ON BUSY NIGHT

Fifteen Persons Are Arrested  
When Squad Swoops Down  
on Quarters of Club Where  
Police Say Beer Sold.

#### LID IS CLAMPED ON TIGHT

Number of Saloons and Other  
Places Are Pinched by  
Officers.

#### THREATEN TO BREAK IN

The lid was on tight in Omaha Saturday night.

A number of saloonmen, restless under the enforcement of the 8 o'clock closing law, attempted to overlap somewhat on the time limit. To their dismay they found the police as vigilant as ever.

Even members of private clubs were under suspicion.

Shortly before midnight the morals squad raided the T. M. A. club, second floor of the Barker block, Fifteenth and Farnam streets, and arrested the keeper, who gave his name as Joe Harris, and fourteen inmates. Harris was charged with keeping a disorderly house. Officers who made the raid said that they found the inmates drinking beer.

#### Pleaded for Release.

A number of them, according to the officers, pleaded for their release. Practically all of them said they always thought the T. M. A. was a private club and that the police had no right whatever to raid the place. All were released on personal bonds.

The police morals squad got in action shortly after 9 o'clock by raiding Tuthill's Tuxedo, better known as the Alleyette. The proprietor, John Tuthill, and three inmates were arrested.

At 10 o'clock the morals squad swooped down on Henry Olson's saloon, 414 North Fourteenth street. The proprietor and six inmates were taken to jail. Apparently apprised of the officers' arrival, the inmates, according to police, bolted the doors. They were allowed to enter, it is said, only after they threatened to break in the doors.

#### Other Saloons Raided.

The next saloon to be raided was that of Nick Savatak, 602 South Thirtieth street, in the Lang hotel. Nick Savatak, proprietor and four inmates were arrested.

At Mulder Brothers' saloon, 211 South Thirtieth street, officers of the morals squad found the bartender, "Bix" Wilson, attendant on five thirsty patrons. The place was raided at 11:40 p. m.

All inmates of the last four places were released on bonds.

### Sixteen Veterans Die in January And February

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, March 18.—(Special.)—That the old veterans of the civil war are rapidly answering to the last roll call is evident from the records of the State Board of Control, which shows that for the months of January and February sixteen deaths were reported from the two soldiers' homes of the state, ten from the Grand Island institution and six from Milford. The population of the Grand Island home is about 470 and of the Milford home about 152. An application was received this morning from a veteran 86 years of age for entrance to one of the homes. According to Judge Holcomb of the board of commissions there can be veterans at the present time under 70 years of age.

### Small Cruiser Sunk, Is Report of Germans

Berlin, March 14.—(By Wire) to Sayville, March 18.)—The sinking by a German submarine of a small cruiser, a vessel equipped as a decoy for submarines, and twenty-two other craft of 48,150 tonnage, was announced today by the admiralty.

### Do You Know What You Got For Your Quarter?

The American people have purchased a group of islands in the West Indies for \$25,000,000. That means that every man, woman and child in the United States contributed 25 cents toward the purchase.

With the quarter, you acquired an interest in three very beautiful, healthy and little-known tropical islands. The first complete and accurate account of these islands to be published in the United States will be a series of articles by Frederic J. Haskin, direct from the West Indies. These articles will appear in The Bee.

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U. S. AEROPLANE CAMP AT SAN DIEGO—Camp of the First Aero squadron of the United States. Planes, which are speedy and powerful fighting machines, have been assembled here for the first time. Daily flights are being made with them by army aviators, who are developing proficiency.



FIRST U. S. AERO SQUADRON

### BRITISH CAPTURE SIXTY VILLAGES

Continue Their Rapid Advance  
on the Heels of the Retiring  
Germans on West Front.

#### FRENCH ALSO MOVING ON

London, March 18.—British troops, continuing their rapid advance on the heels of the retreating Germans, have occupied the important towns of Nesle, Chaumes and Peronne. Along a front of about forty miles they have entered the German positions to a depth of ten miles in places. In addition the British have taken more than sixty villages.

The announcement of these gains was contained in the official report tonight from British headquarters. The capture by the Russians of the city of Van in Turkish Armenia, is reported in a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd.

Paris, March 18.—The advance of the French troops continued today between the Aisne and the Somme, a front of sixty kilometers (about thirty-seven miles), according to the official communication tonight. French cavalry entered Nesle. In the direction of Ham on the Somme river the French forward movement reached a depth of about twelve and a half miles.

North of Soissons the French have occupied Crouy and in the same district have taken the villages of Carlepont, Morsam and Nourvionville.

#### Announced in Germany.

Berlin, March 18.—(By Wire) to Sayville, March 18.)—Systematic retirement of the German troops between Arras and the Oise in the French front, is announced by the war office today. Peronne, Noyon, Bapaume, Roye and several other towns have been abandoned by the Germans.

Peronne was one of the strongholds of the Germans on the Franco-Belgian front. It is a town of about 4,000 on the Somme, and is of strategic importance, on account of its railroad and high road connections. It was invested on three sides and the retirement of the Germans to the north and south made the abandonment of this town inevitable.

From Arras to the Oise, where Berlin reports the withdrawal is being made, is about forty miles. The capture of Bapaume and Roye was announced yesterday. Noyon is a town of about 6,000, sixty-seven miles north-east of Paris.

### King, Colored, Shoots Scott, Colored, and Then Escapes

An argument over what police say was a "lady" led to the serious shooting of a colored man, named Scott at Tenth and Dodge streets Sunday afternoon. Scott was shot in the right breast, the bullet deflecting downward. He was sent to St. Joseph's hospital.

According to witnesses, Scott was walking down the street with Frank King, both colored. Suddenly, it is said, King pulled a gun and shot Scott. After the shooting, King made his escape by jumping on a southbound street car on Tenth street. The first name of Scott has not been ascertained.

### Yankees From Yarrowdale Stop at Berne for Lunch

Berne, Switzerland (Via Paris). March 18.—The fifty-nine American seamen, who were taken to Germany on the prize ship Yarrowdale, stopped for lunch in Berne today, and left at 3 o'clock in the afternoon for Lyons en route to the United States by way of Spain. The men were met at the railroad station by Pleasant A. Stovall, the American minister, the entire legation staff, and virtually all the members of the American colony.

### Germans Claim Score For February Large

Berlin, Friday, March 16.—(By Wire) to Sayville, March 18.)—Merchant ships of an aggregate gross tonnage of 781,500 were lost by the war measures of the central powers, the admiralty announced today. The statement follows: In February 366 merchant ships of an aggregate gross tonnage of 781,500 were lost by the war measures of the central powers. Among them were 292 hostile ships with an aggregate gross tonnage of 644,000 and seventy-four neutral ships of an aggregate gross tonnage of 137,500. Among the neutral ships, sixty-one were sunk by submarines, which is 16.5 per cent of the total in February as compared with 29 per cent, the average of neutral losses in the last four months.

There is a wide disparity between the official German figures of the destruction of shipping in February, the first month of unrestricted submarine warfare, and the figures given out in England. It was said authoritatively in London on March 3, that in February, German submarines sent to the bottom in round numbers 490,000 tons of shipping. No mention was made of ships destroyed by mines.

#### Funeral Services For M. F. Funkhouser Are Held Sunday

Funeral services for Millard Filmore Funkhouser were held at the Scottish Rite cathedral Sunday afternoon, under auspices of St. John's Lodge No. 25, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. The great auditorium of the cathedral was filled with friends and brethren, the casket resting on the stage, with a guard of honor of Scottish Rite knights, and surrounded by a great mass of flowers, expressions from the friends and societies with which the dead man was connected. Worshipful Master Eugene Atkins of St. John's lodge presided, and Rev. T. J. Mackay of All Saints' read the Episcopal burial service and delivered a short address. This was followed by the Masonic soliloquy. Mrs. Verne Miller sang two solos, her sweet voice being heard with beautiful effect. At the grave the Masonic ritual was followed. The pallbearers were:

W. E. Rhoades, C. O. Talmage, T. L. Combs, Robert J. Burke, C. A. Patterson, R. L. Carter.

Honorary: Frank C. Patton, Victor White, D. P. Welpton, S. N. Burdick, J. W. Johnson, John R. Stein, Claude L. Tatbott, George Watt, Joe Davis, S. N. Burdick, J. W. Johnson, John R. Stein.

Edgar N. Bowles, preceptor of St. Andrew's consistory, Knights of Kadosh, conducted the service for Rufus Parker at his late home, 4311 Chicago street.

### Russ Baltic Fleet Join Revolutionary Movement

London, March 18.—The entire Russian Baltic fleet and the fortresses at Viborg and Sveaborg have joined the revolutionary movement in Russia, says a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Copenhagen, which is based on reports received from Haparanda, Sweden.

### Von Hindenburg Reports To Kaiser at Headquarters

Berlin, Thursday, March 15.—(By Wire) to Sayville, March 18.)—Field Marshal von Hindenburg has gone to great headquarters to make a report on the situation to Emperor William.

### Nebraska Legislative League Banquet March 27

Lincoln, Neb., March 17.—(Special.)—The banquet of the Nebraska Legislative league will be held on Tuesday evening, March 27, at the Lincoln auditorium.

### QUADRUPLE CHAPEL DEDICATED SUNDAY

Archbishop Harty, With Bishops  
Thien and McGovern, in  
Charge of the Services.

#### HOME OF GOOD SHEPHERD

Dedication Sunday morning of the imposing quadruple chapel of the Home of the Good Shepherd by Archbishop Harty, Bishop Thien and Bishop McGovern, marked the completion of another great religious and structural work in Omaha. The edifice adjoins the home at Fortieth and Jackson streets.

It was also the first official act of the new archbishop bishop of this Catholic diocese, whose prominent connection with the event formed a remarkable coincidence that he designated as providential.

At the close of the impressive dedication services, Archbishop Harty explained that one of his last official acts as bishop of Omaha, before leaving for the Good Shepherd and buy property for a home of the order. The archbishop was very interested and active in the new undertaking, and regretted having to leave Omaha before completing and dedicating the Good Shepherd home there.

Thus he was fervent in thanks to God yesterday for having the privilege of dedicating a Good Shepherd chapel here as his first official act in his new field.

#### Walks Around Building.

Archbishop Harty began the long services with liturgical blessing of the various parts of the great edifice. Heading a procession of prominent priests, he first went around the building, blessing the outside walls. Then the various chapels and equipment inside, including the magnificent double altar of white marble, were blessed and dedicated to divine worship.

"The greatest value of this splendid edifice lies not in its architectural magnificence, but in what it stands for, the religion of truth and love," declared Bishop John Henry Thien of Lincoln, who preached the dedication sermon.

"Only divine truth and love and power can be a benefit to society and make the world better," he continued. "We can render no greater service to our country than by insisting upon truth in all things."

Bishop Patrick H. McGovern of Cheyenne, formerly of Omaha, came

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### China Prepares To Enter War on Side of Entente

Peking, China, March 18.—After announcing the severance of diplomatic relations between China and Germany, foreign minister Wun Ting Fang called a meeting of the ministers of the entente nations and later a meeting of the ministers of neutral countries. He presented a memorandum at both meetings, requesting suspension of payment of indemnities for the Boxer uprising, consent to an increase of import duties and modification of China's undertakings that will permit it to station troops at Tien-Tsin, along the Tien-Tsin-Peking railroad and in the legation quarter as a protection against Germans.

The Dutch legation is protecting German interests and guarding the German legation. The German minister and his staff probably will leave Peking for Shanghai within five days. Denmark is looking after Chinese interests in Germany.

In the light of previous dispatches from Peking, the action taken by the Chinese foreign minister indicates that the government is preparing to enter the war with the entente. It was said in these dispatches that negotiations to that end were under way.

### TRAINMEN CHIEF THINKS WALKOUT WILL NOT COME

Spokesman Lee for Brotherhoods  
Believes Settlement  
of Strike, Already Post-  
poned, Likely.

#### BOSSSES LESS OPTIMISTIC

Federal Mediators Active in  
Getting Workers and Man-  
agers to Discuss Plan.

#### WILSON VOICES PLEASURE

New York, March 18.—After a forty-eight hour truce between the four railroad brotherhoods and the railroad had been declared here yesterday, thus averting the great "progressive" strike that was to have begun at 7 o'clock last night, W. G. Lee, chief of the trainmen and spokesman for the brotherhood chiefs, asserted that he believed an amicable settlement of all the differences would be reached by Monday.

This was taken to mean that the efforts of the president of the committee of mediators, representing the Council of National Defense, not only had been successful in halting the strike last night, but that with the resumption of conferences today and Monday the whole situation probably would be cleared and the country again assured of normal transportation conditions.

An official of the railroad brotherhoods who would not permit the use of his name made the flat declaration tonight that there would be no strike and that the brotherhoods had won a complete victory.

#### Not So Optimistic.

The optimism of the brotherhood chief, however, was not shared by the railroad managers. While no statement was forthcoming from them, it was asserted that the settlement of the differences was entirely contingent upon a decision on Monday by the supreme court favorable to the Adamson law. In that event it was understood they agreed that they would accept the application of the law on the basis of ten hours' pay for eight hours' work, with pro rata pay for overtime.

No other concessions were made and the question as to what turn the situation would take in the event of no decision Monday or of a decision declaring the Adamson law unconstitutional, remained to be determined, according to an official in close touch with the managers.

#### Lee Not Surprised.

Mr. Lee's reassuring statement came after he was informed that many members of the four brotherhoods in Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Illinois, failing to receive word of the postponement of the strike, actually had quit work tonight. He said he was not surprised at this, inasmuch as there was so little time—less than three hours—in which to communicate with the men. "That should be sufficient proof of the fact that we were not talking idly when we said all our members would obey the strike order," said Mr. Lee. "We knew they would—every one of them."

It was agreed with the railroads, he added, that in the event of the men failing to receive word of the change in the situation and going on strike, the railroads would not attempt to discipline them in any way. Mr. Lee said he was confident the misunderstanding would be straightened out before midnight tonight and that those who had left their places would have returned to work by that time.

#### Mediators Active.

The decision yesterday to postpone the strike for forty-eight hours was reached only after three of the president's mediators—Secretary of the Interior Lane, Secretary of Labor Wilson and Daniel Willard—had labored almost incessantly since early last night with the four brotherhood chiefs and the conference committee of railroad managers.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, who also was appointed a mediator, did not arrive in this city until last night explaining that he had been at Atlantic City and did not learn that his presence was desired here until in the afternoon.

While it was generally understood that a tentative agreement had been reached, all who participated in the conferences maintained silence until Mr. Lee made his statement tonight. The head of the trainmen's brotherhood intimated that concessions had been made by the railroads and that

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### The Weather

For Nebraska—Fair; rising temperature.  
Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

	Day.	Night.
High	54	34
Low	34	24
Mean	44	29
Precipitation	0.00	0.00
Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal		
Normal temperature	52	32
Deficiency for the day	-2	-8
Total deficiency since March 1	-24	-34
Normal precipitation	.04 inch	.04 inch
Deficiency for the day	0.04 inch	0.04 inch
Total rainfall since March 1	.23 inches	.23 inches
Excess since March 1	.19 inch	.19 inch
Deficiency for one period, 1917, 57 inch		
Deficiency for one period, 1916, 57 inch		
T indicates trace of precipitation.		
L. A. WELLS, Meteorologist.		