

TWO BRITISH SHIPS ARE TORPEDOED

Several Americans Aboard Horse Transport and General Cargo Craft Are Killed.

ONE CARRIED A DECK GUN

Washington, March 31.—Two British steamers, the Snowdon Range and the Booth liner Crispin, both with Americans aboard, of whom a number are unaccounted for, were reported to the State department today to have been sunk without warning by a submarine. On the Crispin the torpedo which struck the engine room killed five men, two of whom are believed to have been Americans.

Consul Frost, reporting the loss of the freight liner Crispin, says: "Crispin, 2,483 tons, Newport News to Liverpool, 686 horses, torpedoed without warning fourteen miles off Hook Head, 7:15 p. m. 29th. Sixty-eight out of ship's complement of 112 were Americans. Two boats missing, not improbably lost.

"Torpedo struck engine room starboard side, explosion killing five men, of whom two believed to be Americans. Submarine not seen, but wake of torpedo seen by Americans. Vessel carried gun and wireless. Latter was wrecked by explosion. Weather overcast, very heavy swells. Vessel sank slowly, but return on board not feasible owing to heavy sea.

"One boat with nineteen survivors landed at Queenstown, including captain, chief steward, veterinarian and ten Americans. R. H. Elser, Newport News; Bland Tinsley, Philadelphia; R. L. Hays, Covington; James Franklin, New York City; George Kelly, Baltimore; George St. Armand, Worcester; Harry Davis, Baltimore; John Williams, Newport News.

"Other boats believed landing Milford Haven and elsewhere.

Armed Ship Torpedoed.
The dispatch from Liverpool, reporting the sinking of the Snowdon Range, follows:

"British steamer Snowdon Range, Philadelphia to Liverpool with general cargo and powder, one gun aft, torpedoed without warning at 8:45 a. m., March 29, thirty-five miles from Holly Head. No vessel in sight at time of attack. Four killed by explosion, remainder of crew took to boats, including James Carroll, Philadelphia; George Alexander, colored, Wilmington, N. C.; Burt Thebalt, Philadelphia; native-born Americans and Harry McCabe, naturalized, no permanent address.

"Submarine emerged, showing German flag, shelled Snowdon Range, then boarded and removed provisions and detachable brass, placed bombs, vessel sunk. Crew picked up 6 p. m., taken to Holly Head."

A dispatch from Swansea said the collector of customs there reported that forty-nine Americans from the British cattle steamer Crispin had been landed at Milford Haven. No additional details of the sinking of the Crispin were given.

A later dispatch from Consul Frost definitely established the killing of one American and said others probably had been killed. The Crispin was bound for Avonmouth.

Two Gretna Stores Robbed.

Gretna, Neb., March 31.—(Special.)—Siebert's saloon and Schmidt's general store were visited by thieves on Thursday night. A quantity of whisky was stolen from Siebert's saloon. This is the second time within a month that Siebert's saloon has been broken into and Schmidt's store has been robbed three times lately. The bloodhounds have been brought up from Beatrice and an effort is being made to trace the thieves.

Danish West Indies Formally Transferred to United States

Washington, March 31.—The final act of more than fifty years' effort to bring the Danish West Indies under the American flag was completed with formal ceremonies at the State department today, when Danish Minister Brun was handed a treasury warrant for \$25,000,000, the purchase price, and wireless messages were sent to the American and Danish authorities at the islands to lower the Danish flag and raise the Stars and Stripes. At noon today the new possessions passed definitely and finally under the authority of the United States.

"By giving you this warrant," Secretary Lansing said, as he handed the paper to the minister, "I will save you the trouble of transporting forty-eight tons of gold. The value of this paper in coin would be equivalent to that weight."

With the formal transfer the islands became known as the Virgin Islands of the United States, a title chosen by the natives.

In all there are fifty islands, only three large enough to be of importance. St. Thomas is the most im-

portant and has one of the finest harbors in the West Indies, which will be transformed into a strong naval base for the protection of the Panama canal. St. Croix and St. John are the other two large islands.

Rear Admiral James H. Oliver, chief of naval intelligence at the Navy department, is enroute to St. Thomas to assume the duty of governor. He will serve until a permanent government has been determined upon by congress. Local laws will be administered until congress has acted.

Miss Fitz Roberts Goes to Philadelphia Conference

Miss Myrtle Fitz Roberts, superintendent of the vocational bureau in the city hall, leaves Sunday for Philadelphia to attend a vocational guidance conference at William Penn High school. Commissioner Claxton and Meyer Bloomfield, an authority on vocational guidance, will be the chief speakers. Miss Fitz Roberts will visit vocational bureaus in New York and Boston to get new ideas for the local bureau.

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It isn't a bit too soon to plan summer garments

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Art Needlework, Third Floor

Women's Lisle Union Suits

Low neck, no sleeves, hand crocheted and band tops, fitted or wide knee, \$1.15.

Summer Furs

New fashions in Mole skin, Hudson Seal, Foxes. Priced as low as consistent with quality. A showing we will be pleased to have you view.

Second Floor

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