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UNITED STATES REACHES THE VERGE OF WAR

SINKING OF LACONIA REGARDED AS OVERT ACT BY WASHINGTON OFFICIALS

AMERICA IS CONSIDERING THE OVERT ACT

In Sinking of Laconia Twelve Die—American Citizens Are Included—Violation of Neutral Rights.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The Cunard company advise that the total number of dead and missing among the passengers and crew of the Laconia number twelve. Mr. and Mrs. Hoy, of Chicago, and eight American negro firemen who were members of the crew of the ill-fated steamer, have died of exposure after the ship sunk. Four Americans were saved.

Although United States citizens were killed on the Laconia, President Wilson will not take action until Congress passes on his request of yesterday, for authority to establish a state of armed neutrality. The sinking of the Laconia is looked upon by United States citizens as a clear cut violation of the United States rights. No further investigation is necessary.

London, Feb. 28.—The official figures of the Laconia disaster are as follows: Total number of passengers and crew was 294; the survivors landed at Queenstown were 267; at Bantry, 14; drowned, 5; died of exposure and buried at sea, 8; in hospital, 6. Two American women were among the thirty killed. The newspapers here all construe the sinking of the Laconia as an overt act against the United States.

AGRICULTURAL CREDITS POPULAR WITH FARMERS

Victoria, Feb. 28.—Thirteen hundred applications have been dealt with by the Agricultural Credit Commission to date. Loans aggregating \$2,647,240 have already been made.

BERNSTORFF LEAVES

Halifax, Feb. 28.—It is expected that the Frederick VIII., with Count von Bernstorff, the late German ambassador to Washington, on board will leave for Europe today.

MORALE OF GERMANS WORRIES HINDENBURG

London, Feb. 26.—Reuters correspondent at British headquarters in France says a copy of an order issued by Field Marshal von Hindenburg has come into the possession of the British forces. In part the order says: "The operations at Verdun from October to December resulted in serious and regrettable reverses. Incapable officers must be ruthlessly removed. The number of prisoners which was unusually large for German troops, some of whom surrendered without serious resistance, or without suffering any heavy losses, shows that the morale of some of the troops engaged was low." The order adds, says the correspondent, that the reason for this requires a most careful investigation and that steps must be taken to revive the old spirit of the German infantry.

WESTHOLME

OPERA HOUSE TONIGHT AND TOMORROW

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JAPANESE ACTRESS, IN

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Admission 15c. and 10c.

UNITED STATES OFFICIAL ATTITUDE

Washington, Feb. 28.—The sinking of the Laconia is a clear-cut case according to the highest official interpretation of the act, and no further investigation will be necessary before action is taken on the part of the government. This became known as the administration's attitude following a conference between President Wilson and Mr. Lansing. Many officials believe that the long awaited overt act against the United States has now been committed by Germany. As the situation is now in the hands of Congress, it is expected that quick and positive action will be forthcoming. The President and his cabinet will have all the facts available before them when they go into session this afternoon.

DEMANDS VENGEANCE FROM HIS COUNTRY

London, Feb. 28.—Mr. Austin Hoy, a Chicago business man who is in the city just now on international trade affairs, has cabled to President Wilson demanding that the United States avenge the murder of his mother and sister, who were killed on board the Laconia. Mr. Hoy intends throwing up his business and enlisting in the army, to add his own personal efforts in the cause of freeing the world of the Hun menace.

PAARDEBURG DAY

Paardeburg Day, which has been set apart by the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire for the purpose of fostering patriotism, was suitably observed yesterday at the High School. Parents of the children and members of the Queen Mary Chapter, I. O. D. E., assembled for the purpose of presenting the prizes of the recent essay competition. The winners, Miss Freda Morrow and Miss Ruth Rix, read their essays, and Miss Marguerite McColl, in the absence of the writer, read Miss Violet Leighton's. Mrs. Du Vernet made the presentation in a fitting manner.

Principal Brady gave an inspiring address on Patriotism and thanked the Daughters of the Empire for the impetus which such a competition gives to essay writing, one of the most important branches of school work.

Mr. George W. Morrow spoke briefly, emphasizing the great need of patriotism and expressed the thought that Paardeburg Day, as a day set apart for the celebration of a victory should be dispensed with, in view of the loyalty shown by British South African troops in this war.

The meeting concluded with the singing of two choruses by the pupils of the High School.

SUN AND TIDE

Thursday, March 1st.
Sun rises 7:23 a. m.
Sun sets 5:57 p. m.
Low water 12:39 a. m. Ht. 10.3
High water 7:16 a. m. Ht. 17.8
Low water 2:10 p. m. Ht. 7.4
High water 8:53 p. m. Ht. 15.1
Captain McGee, M. M. S. A.

The Sisters of St. Joseph announce the opening of a commercial class in the school house on Fifth Avenue. Evening class begins on Monday, March 5th, at 7:30 p. m.

ANNOUNCEMENT—The Westaria Bakery and Tea Room will be closed March 1st for a short period. All tickets will be redeemed at the La Casse Bakery in the meantime.



RARE AND REFRESHING FRUIT.—1917 CROP.—London Bystander

LETTERS FROM THE BOYS AT THE FRONT

Very interesting letters have been received in town from two of Prince Rupert's old timers, who were very popular here before they went to France. George Leek and Harry Heyes are both in France and report themselves fit and well. They say they have been through some strenuous times and both feel quite fit to go through the same again if need be. In fact they both wish for some "quick action." Trench life seems to get tiresome. They say that everybody is in good spirits and hoping for the "Day" to come soon. To their numerous friends in town both wish to be remembered. Harry Heyes adds that so far as their part of the line is concerned it's all up with Fritz now, for the "Battling Swede" has arrived in the firing line. Also "Death Valley Scotty." Those who remember these two pugilists wouldn't give much for the chance of an enemy in a hand to hand scrap.

RED CROSS NOTES

Mrs. Embleton and Mrs. Phil MacDonald will have charge of the sale of home cooking in the Red Cross rooms in Friday.

The Daffodil Tea held on Saturday by the five young ladies was a great success. The rooms were crowded from three until six and the sum of \$32 was realized. The committee in charge as well as the Red Cross Society are very grateful to Mr. Killas for the use of his tea-room and to Messrs. Balagno, who played so delightfully, and to all who assisted in any way.

Mrs. Woodland, treasurer of the Red Cross Society, acknowledges with thanks the sum of \$100.75 from Mr. W. Shrubbsall, being the proceeds of the recent raffle of the big fish. Last Friday at the sale of home cooking under the charge of Mrs. Tyre and Mrs. H. P. Wilson, the sum of \$70.50 was realized. The thanks of the society are extended to these two ladies and to all those who contributed to the success of the sale.

When you think of shoes think of Wallace's.

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Just arrived, 500 tons lump, 100 tons nut coal. We give prompt service. Albert & McGaffery, phone 116.

A GREAT PATRIOTIC OUTBURST IN IRELAND

Queenstown, Feb. 28.—Very remarkable scenes were witnessed here when the rescued women from the Laconia which was torpedoed without warning by a German submarine, were landed here by a patrol boat. Huge crowds were gathered on the wharves and chanted the Naval Anthem in tones of defiance to the enemy. That the Irish people are at one with the remainder of the Empire in their hatred of the German was shown in no uncertain manner.

READY FOR THE FINAL

Sidney, N. S. W., Feb. 28.—At a huge meeting held here today, Premier Hughes urged the people of Australia to stand solidly behind Britain in this world-wide struggle, of right over might. Instancing Britain as stripped for the victorious final, he pointed out that the Commonwealth should rid itself of all excrecences likewise.

AN IRISH SOLDIER'S DIARY

(By Patrick McGill)
January 2.—I have just come back from the "dunk" with rations. The supply is excellent; better than ever. When I came out here first the men used to grumble; rations were often late; letters and parcels used to get lost; reliefs generally came up any time and a four-day shift in the trenches generally lengthened itself out to a week, sometimes a fortnight. But that was a long while ago. There, no doubt, the heads were in the same position as a manager new to a business which is short of hands. He finds a department originally run by two men controlled by one, and a machine which was worked by a dozen men once kept going by half that number of hands. So it was with us. Every nook and cranny (call them sectors and salients if you will) of the firing line had to be manned and our strength was not great. To me, the miracle workers of this war were the Old Contemptibles, the men who fought against overwhelming odds when everything was against them. But now things are different; we have even got our letter-boxes in the trenches and if the postman arrives late we say things. Its almost like home..... I've got to write a letter before tea.

January 3.—Going out on a raid tonight. Fergus was speaking to me a minute ago. He is very excited for he is going out on the raid with us. A very brave boy always ready to stick his head into danger. Up to yesterday I thought he never knew what fear was. 'Twas in the morning and he was standing by my side when one of the men near us poked his head over the parapet and got hit right through the forehead.

"What a fool," said Fergus. "He did not know what fear was."

"But you're never afraid," I said.

"Me," said Fergus. "Is that all you know?"

Then I knew how brave he was, full of that courage which overcomes fear. I hope he comes to no harm in the raid.

January 4.—Raid over. Reached the trench and accounted for a good few of the enemy. But Fergus was killed. He's lying out on the open somewhere. I must write to his mother. We took seven prisoners. The officers say the raid was very successful; but they did not know Fergus as I did; so I call it unsuccessful.

January 5.—Something like gas rose from the enemy trench this (Continued on Page Three).

ADVANCE MADE BY BRITISH ON ANCRE FRONT

Advance Made on an Eleven-Mile Front—First Line Now Two Miles Further Ahead—Ships Sunk.

London, Feb. 28.—The British advance along the Ancre river has attained a depth of two miles and extends along a front of about eleven miles, according to the official report. Bapaume, which had been declared would fall only "after the greatest price ever paid by a victorious army" is now directly threatened by the greatest German retirement since the stationary warfare began more than two years ago. The newly occupied ground opens up many possibilities for the British forces.

German Repulsed. A hostile attack on the Somme has been repulsed with great losses to the enemy.

Steamers Sunk. The British steamers Headley, 4,953 tons, and the Aries, 3,701 tons, have been sunk by German submarines.

GERMAN CHANCELLOR IS STILL GUESSING

Berlin, Feb. 28.—In the Reichstag today the Chancellor says that President Wilson's action is without parallel. He said that he had not yet been informed why diplomatic relations have been broken off. The Chancellor's statement to the Reichstag embraces all the old arguments about being forced into a defensive war and places once more all the blame on Britain. Germany demands full reparation and guarantees for the future.

GERARD A NIGHTMARE

London, Feb. 26.—"At a meeting of the Agricultural League," says the correspondent at Rotterdam of the London Evening News, "Dr. Wildgrube, a Conservative member of the Reichstag, said: 'Now that Mr. Gerard has closed his espionage office, the German people will breathe freely and will be relieved of an intolerable nightmare, provided he does not return before peace is declared.'"

"Mr. Gerard's residence in Berlin and his intimate relations with our responsible authorities were painful to the German people, but the climax of pain was reported when Mr. Gerard has the insolence to describe the imperial chancellor as his friend. Next to England, America is our worst enemy."

Father, Mother, Sister, Brother can get the "right kind" of shoes at WALLACE'S.

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT

NOTICE

1917 Dog Taxes. These taxes are now due and payable. Same are to be paid to the Chief of Police or Health Inspector, who will issue 1917 brass tag.

Owners of dogs who have not taken out these Licences by March 1st next will be prosecuted without further notice.

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