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GERMANS CHASE AMERICAN STEAMER

RAIDER IN SOUTH ATLANTIC ATTACKS VESSEL

IN FIVE MILE OCEAN RACE

Captain Reports Incident Upon Arrival of His Ship in New York Harbor

New York, April 23.—An American steamship was chased for five miles by the German sea raider Seeadler, off the coast of Brazil, on April 12, according to the captain of the vessel which reached this port today.

The captain of the steamship which is engaged in the South American trade, said the raider was sighted at 6 o'clock in the morning, bearing down on him at a point 39 miles north of the equator and 200 miles west of the coast.

Although within range the raider did not attempt to fire on him. She had Norwegian flags painted on her sides, he said, and mounted two guns apparently of 8-inch calibre.

NOTE KEEPS MUSIC ON CITY FERRYBOATS

New York, April 23.—Station Islanders must have their daily music no matter how many nickels must be dropped into the musician's hats. Art has a firm grip on the souls of islanders who come to the big city each day for work or amusement.

For several years there have been musicians—usually flute, harp and violin trios—on the municipal ferryboats plying between the Battery and St. George. The musicians received their pay by passing around their hats. Then came objections from the mean souls who were willing to listen to the sprightly airs, but disliked seeing the hat under their noses each morning and evening.

The Dock Department, which controls the ferryboats, finally decided to hold a referendum, and the vote was 2,313 in favor of having music and 985 against.

GEORGIA HAS TO ADMIT GERMANS AN ECLEAN

Atlanta, April 23.—German efficiency is like a cat. You can't kill it or stifle it.

At Fort McPherson, where 144 Germans from the German raider Kronprinz Wilhelm are held as prisoners of war, that well-known commodity is as much alive as in Von Hindenburg's army, only it is all being applied to the task of scrubbing.

Day after day the seamen crawl over the floors with soap and brushes, doing the same job over and over, and they once more, Captain Wagner, provost marshal in charge of the guard at the internment camp, after his last semi-weekly trip of inspection through the prison barracks, said the immaculate state of the floors was marvelous.

BALFOUR GUEST AT WHITEHOUSE FEAST

BRITISH FOREIGN MINISTER AND PARTY WITH PRESIDENT

CHIEF JUSTICE PRESENT

Conferences With Reference to War Will be Started at Once and Important Plans Constructed

Washington, April 23.—Formal presentation of foreign Minister Balfour and the British commissioners, here with him was completed tonight, with a dinner reception at the White House, which was attended by President Wilson's entire cabinet, Chief Justice White, the advisory council on National defense, William Denman, chairman of the United States shipping board, Secretary to the President Tumulty, and Miss Helen Woodrow Bones, cousin of President and Mrs. Wilson.

Conferees will begin to discuss the details of the execution of plans which will be had until the French commission arrives.

Mr. Balfour stated officially late today that he will address the Senate tomorrow or next day on the war.

President Wilson was advised today that the commission comes to serve and give important information regarding the war and not "to offer suggestions or make requests."

Foreign Minister Balfour and members of the high commission began their first official day in Washington with a round of calls, the first of which was at the state department.

Soon after 10:30 o'clock, Mr. Balfour, accompanied by the British ambassador, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, drove from the mansion which has been given over to him, to the state department building and paid a formal call on Secretary Lansing.

The British ambassador and Hugh L. Gibson, of the state department, who has been detailed as Mr. Balfour's aide, remained with Secretary Lansing and the British foreign minister only a short time and then withdrew leaving the two high officials together. They at once plunged into a conference.

The conference between Mr. Balfour and Mr. Lansing was not prolonged, and at its conclusion the two men left the building to cross over to the White House where the British foreign minister was received by President Wilson.

As Mr. Balfour left the state department building several hundred employees crowding the stairways and corridors applauded and cheered loudly. Mr. Balfour acknowledged the greetings by bowing and smiling as he passed by with Mr. Lansing.

Surrounded by a small escort, the British foreign minister and the secretary of state crossed the avenue which separates the state department building from the White House and just before 11 o'clock passed in the main entrance of the executive mansion where President Wilson, surrounded by a party of army and navy aides, was waiting.

While Mr. Balfour and Mr. Lansing were at the White House, the naval officers of the British party, headed by Admiral DeChair, began arriving to call on Admiral Benson.

LONDON AND BERLIN MAKING CLAIMS OF VICTORY IN WEST

Battle Goes on Furiously With Advance by British and Attack on Petrograd Promised by Germans in Short While Which May Overwhelm Russian Ardor

By Associated News Service.

London, April 23.—The British army today chopped off the right arms of the original Hindenburg line, and Lens, the heart of the French coal district, is nearer the British grasp.

They captured the villages of Gavrelle and Guenappe on the north and south bank of Scarpe river. Many prisoners also were taken.

Amsterdam, April 23.—The German naval squadron is on its way to Riga, accompanied by several transports, according to a Petrograd dispatch. Land and sea drive on Petrograd may be started soon.

Berlin, April 23.—Repulse of the new British offensive, on the Arras front, with heavy loss to the British, was the announcement made by the war office here tonight.

Great Britain's furious fighters began today a renewed attack on the German lines in Northern France.

The new strike, marking a resumption after a week's interval of the British offensive begun April 9, was given its initial impetus today, "on both sides of the river Scarpe," as the official statement puts it. The statement issued at about noon, embodies a report of "satisfactory progress" sent by Gen. Haig.

The extent of the attack has not been clearly developed, but as it is announced to have been launched "on a wide front" it probably reaches well toward the Vieux positions on the north and beyond the Arras-Cambrai road to the south. Besides tending still further to encompass the city of Lens, the movement is directed toward both Douai, the important German distributing point to the northeast, and the Hindenburg line key point of Cambrai to the southeast.

Early details of the offensive report the shattering of the last rear bastions and the British foreign minister smiled broadly.

The army officers of the British mission at the same time were arriving at the war department, to be received by Secretary Baker. Major General G. T. Bridges, accompanied by his aides, were escorted first to the office of Major General Scott, chief of staff, where they were received by a large party of American officers, including Generals Bliss, McCain, McIntyre, Crozier, Weaver and others. Many officers of lesser rank also were present.

The British officers were attired in field uniforms of khaki, while the American officers were in the full dress uniforms of blue. After General Scott had introduced General Bridges and his staff to the American officers, all the British guests were received by Secretary Baker.

The naval delegation meanwhile had been received by Admiral Benson, chief of operations, and Assistant Secretary Roosevelt.

The British army and navy officers concluded their visits soon afterward and returned to their stopping places.

The President's reception of Mr. Balfour lasted three quarters of an hour. The President and the British minister talked freely and at length. At 11:45 o'clock Mr. Balfour left the White House and accompanied by Secretary Lansing drove to the capitol to be presented to Vice-president Marshall.

After the formal greetings the President and Mr. Balfour entered the blue room with Secretary Lansing and remained in earnest conversation for more than a half hour. The military aides were not present.

RIVER OF BLOOD ON GER. BATTLEFIELD

MORE THAN TWO THOUSAND TEUTON SOLDIERS KILLED

ONE FIGHT HARVEST OF DEATH

Hindenburg's Lines Being Broken and His Trenches Filled With His Own Dead

London, April 23.—In their new offensive the British have captured the town of Gavelle, the last part of the defenses of the Hindenburg line north of the Scarpe. They have also taken the village of Guenappe, south of the Scarpe.

More than 1,000 prisoners have been taken today.

The lull in the past week on the British front was broken today by attacks which spread along a wide front. The fighting was particularly severe on both banks of the Scarpe where the British pushed forward in their initial successes and won the battle of Arras.

It is only a matter of time of writing to give very indefinite news, but the first reports coming back indicate that the capture of Gavelle, north of the Scarpe, and Guenappe, to the south of that stream.

A big push, also was made opposite Croiselles and from that sector of the front alone comes the report that more than 100 prisoners were taken.

Gavelle is a part of the last definite defenses the Germans have before falling back on what is known as the Drocourt-Queant switch to the Hindenburg line.

The British also made progress in the region southwest of Lens, the German garrison of which town daily is facing a more critical situation.

The fighting today was under fine weather and a chill northwest wind. The latter, however, dried the ground and gave the attacking troops the best going they had enjoyed this year. The bombardment of the new German positions which had been going on steadily for two days increased in intensity last night when the skies were lighted by the continuous flashes of the guns.

Airplanes fairly filled the air over the battle lines today directing the artillery and co-operating with the infantry. Yesterday British aviators brought down six German observation balloons.

The first phase of the battle of Arras, which began Easter Monday, ended with the British in possession of Monchy-lez-Dreux, which, however, remained a distinct salient until today's fighting was taken up.

Monchy, situated on a hill, commands the country for forty miles eastward. During the last ten days the Germans delivered at least a score of counter attacks against that position, against which they brought an ever-increasing gunfire.

The desperate attempts to recapture it show how highly Monchy was regarded as a key position protecting the Drocourt switch line, which has not yet been fortified as strongly as the Germans would desire.

Monchy has been one of the bloodiest spots the Germans have known, and when the British advanced from it in the early dawn today they had to pick their way over thousands of German dead. It was estimated that 2,500 Germans were killed in one day's counter attacks, so closely were the men massed.

WORDY WAR ON BILL FOR GREATER ARMY

FURIOUS DEBATE TAKES PLACE ON QUESTION OF DRAFTING

SENATE AND HOUSE DISAGREE

Conscription and Volunteer Systems Have Friends Who Will Fight to a Finish

Washington, April 23.—Furious battles between friends and enemies of the administration's plan to raise an army by selective draft were waged in both House and Senate today.

The Senate will pass the measure. In the House it has less chance. Chairman Dent opened the debate with a defense of the volunteer system, expressing the belief of raising one to two million men without resorting to draft.

The administration bill to create a big army by selective draft was taken up in the House for the first time and in the Senate debate was

The House bill, as reported by majority of the committee, provided for volunteer enlistment with conscription only as a last resort, and the fight this morning was led by Chairman Dent, of the military committee. A strong element in the House, backed the selective conscription plan advocated by the army general staff and recommended by the military committee minority, led by Representative Kahn, of California, a republican.

LOUISIANA WINS IN FAMOUS RATE CASE

Louisiana won in the controversy with Texas in a decision rendered in the United States circuit court yesterday in the famous Louisiana-Texas rate case. The court granted a temporary injunction restraining the Texas state railroad commission from interfering with the tariff levied by Texas railroads in obedience with the mandate of the Interstate Commerce Commission in the Shreveport rate case.

ALLEGED FUGITIVE CAUGHT

Joe Washington, negro, was arrested yesterday at Poydras and Saratoga streets yesterday by Patrolman McNamara on a charge of being a fugitive from justice from Natchitoches, La. He is alleged to have killed a man named Matt Mosley several months ago.

CARPENTER HURT BY FALL

While working aboard the steamship Nile, moored at the head of Lavergne street, Algiers, Norman Hendricks, 26, 3307 Champagne street a carpenter, last night lost his balance and fell a distance of twenty-six feet. He was injured about the head and is in the Presbyterian hospital in a serious condition.

NEGROES QUARREL AND SHOOTING IS RESULT

Andrew Journee, negro, 913 Du-maine street, was shot in the left arm by Charles Absent, negro, who he tried to prevent Absent from shooting Willie Logan, another black, at Ursuline and Burgundy streets early last night. Absent and Logan, both said to be police characters, escaped. Logan and Absent became involved in a quarrel over a woman, witnesses told the police. The men came to blows and getting the worst of it, Logan picked up a brick and chased Absent. Upon reaching Ursuline and Burgundy street, Absent turned around, drew his revolver and as he aimed at Logan, Journee interfered and was shot.

RELIEF SHIP LANDS

London, April 23.—The relief ship Kongsli, recently torpedoed, has reached port, the Belgian relief commission announced tonight. The second mate is missing. Others of the crew are safe. Three-fourths of the cargo can be salvaged.

JACK RUSSO VS. PHIL VERGES

Jack Russo will mix up with Phil Verges in a 15-round mill at the Tulane Athletic club on May 7. Verges recently made a tour of the west, winning practically every bout he fought. Russo also has the reputation of being a good scrapper.

STABBED IN ALLEGED QUARREL ABOUT GIRL

Walter L. McDerby, 29, 927 Poydras street, who is alleged to have been stabbed by Alexander Peresto, a room-mate friend for 15 years, while at Metairie Ridge Sunday, was reported at the Charity hospital last night as being somewhat improved. His condition is not thought to be serious.

Sunday McDerby and Peresto went to Metairie Ridge with two girls. In the evening, according to McDerby, Peresto began to quarrel with him because he thought he was trying to "steal his girl." Without warning, McDerby charges, Peresto drew a pocket knife and stabbed him in the side. Peresto is being held without benefit of bail, pending the outcome of McDerby's wound.