

Further Revelations of Pro-German Plots
Greece Refuses to Withdraw from Saloniki
Ford Refused Passports By United States

LORD NORTHCLIFFE DEFENDS COURSE OF HIS NEWSPAPERS

Says Censorship Must be Improved and That Government Does Not Yet Realize Gravity of War—The Times Was Always Attacked Anyway by Administrations It Reformed.

Special Wire to the Courier. New York, Dec. 2.—London cable to The Tribune says: The following statement was made specially for the Tribune by Lord Northcliffe, with reference to Tuesday's debate in the House of Commons: "I don't know what has been credited to the United States, but the broad facts of the situation are that my newspapers have incurred the hostility of various members of the government because my Times, Daily Mail and Evening News have insisted on reforms of censorship, a proper supply of ammunition to the troops, the formation of a small war council instead of a committee of twenty-two and many other reforms connected with the conduct of the war. My newspapers always have taken the view that while victory is certain

for allies, the war is a much greater undertaking than it has been regarded to be by certain members of the British Government, who have published from time to time false predictions as to speedy success, such as announcing an immediate victory in the "Danelles." "I have with me a vast majority of the British people and the only criticisms that are evoked are from party-hack newspapers who think first of politics and then of war. I am firm in winning the war first and talking politics afterward. "So far as The Times is concerned, it during its long life, always has been vigorously attacked by governments which it has ultimately reformed, and I have no doubt, if it is necessary again to urge our authorities to make war in a war-like way, I shall get plenty more abuse."

Brantford's Bright Pupils

Have Been Photographed CENTRAL SCHOOL—DIVISION TWO



FIRST ROW—E. Vancamp, I. Binkley, M. Carter, E. Easterbrook, S. Le vine, H. Burrows, G. Braund, P. Baird, M. Allen, L. Wallace, G. Clark, I. Prowle. SECOND ROW—L. Shear, F. Verity, L. Sterne, E. Knowler, K. Poguegnat, H. Secord, M. Nelson, D. Scherzberg, D. Waldron, H. Crandell, J. Baker, V. Lyman, M. Calbeck, B. Bugar, H. Gregory, F. Wall. THIRD ROW—E. Wingardner, B. M. Adam, C. Osbourn, E. Smith, H. Melsom, H. Vansickle, C. Farnsworth, G. Felton, L. Bernhard, E. David son, E. Powell, G. Weulake, S. Chick egian.

Welcomed Cadets.

Special Wire to the Courier. Montreal, Dec. 2.—The party of Australian cadets, commanded by Lieut. J. J. Simmonds, who are touring Canada reached here this morning. They were met at the Windsor Street Station by Mayor Martin and a number of leading citizens. This afternoon they were to be entertained at a luncheon given them by the Canadian Club. The cadets will remain in Brantford until December 6, when they leave for New

York. While here they will take part in recruiting rallies, visit McGill university and the C. P. R. Angus shops, touring the city and on Sunday parade to St. Andrew's church.

To be Named Hindenburg.

Amsterdam, Dec. 2.—According to a despatch from Bremen, a new 35,000 ton passenger liner, which the North German Lloyd is about to build for service in the trans-Atlantic trade after the war, will be named the Hindenburg. The cadets will remain in Brantford until December 6, when they leave for New

BERLINER TAGEBLATT IS BEHIND SOCIALISTS IN PEACE PROGRAMME

Demands From the Chancellor the Terms of Peace Germany Will Discuss—British Do Not Care What Other People Think of What They Say, So Why Should Germany, Asks This Journal.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Berlin, Dec. 2.—The Berliner Tageblatt is the first newspaper to come out in approval of the plan of the Social Democrats to ask Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg under what conditions he is prepared to begin peace negotiations. "For our part," says the newspaper, "we cannot see why such a question should not be directed to the chancellor, nor why he should not answer it. It is believed that an answer would be regarded abroad as a sign of weakness. The military position of Germany and its allies is so strong that it should not bother what the Entente newspapers might write. "The British place no such restrictions on themselves and care little what constructions are placed on this or that word. "The second question is whether peace negotiations would have any

prospect of success. Each peace desired, not alone in the present case, may be dashed on one of two rocks—on disinclination in the enemy's camp, and on demands in our own. Perhaps we should come a step forward if the chancellor were to decide to throw a little light on the second point. "In any case, even though one may be very sceptical about the success of a peace movement at the present moment, the German people should not be denied the right, in view of the unusually favorable military situation to question the responsible leader on the imperial policy regarding his intentions and the goal. "It should be reiterated that there is not a trace of weakness in the German. Should anyone abroad be foolish enough to so misconstrue the Social Democratic interpellation, the facts will prove to him how mistaken he is."

Two More Steamers Sunk

Colenzo, 2532 Tons, and Orange Prince, 2296 tons, Victims of Sub.

London, Dec. 2.—Two more British steamers, the Colenzo and the Orange Prince, have been sunk, presumably by German submarines. The Colenzo, 2,532 tons, sailed from Middlesbro, Oct. 28, for Hull, where she arrived October 31 for Bombay. The latest Maritime records show that the Orange Prince, 2,296 tons, was at Liverpool on October 7. Despite the general improvement in the playing of intercollegiate football, the total deaths in the United States this year is fifteen as against thirteen last year.

CROWD WATCHED OPENING OF THE REICHSTAG

Some Demonstration, But No Street Riots, Says the Overseas Agency.

ALLIES WILL NOT BE BEATEN That is One Thing That Puzzles the German Mind When It Considers Peace.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Berlin, Dec. 2.—(By wireless to Sayville.)—Yesterday as usual, says the Overseas News Agency, at the opening of the Reichstag, large crowds gathered around the building and the neighboring streets. Among the throng were some who made demonstrations in favor of a fast settlement of the problem of government regulation of prices and the distribution of food. Germany's enemies, no doubt, will again spread all over the world, ridiculous reports about Berlin street riots and make other insinuations which in no way correspond with the truth. Commenting on the proposed Socialist interpellation in the Reichstag concerning the conditions upon

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EXPLOSIVES TO BE PLACED IN DRIED FRUIT

This Was Plan of German Agent to Wreck Trans-Pacific Ships.

BLEW UP POWDER BARGE

Teuton's Consul-General at San Francisco Receives Money to Do Damage.

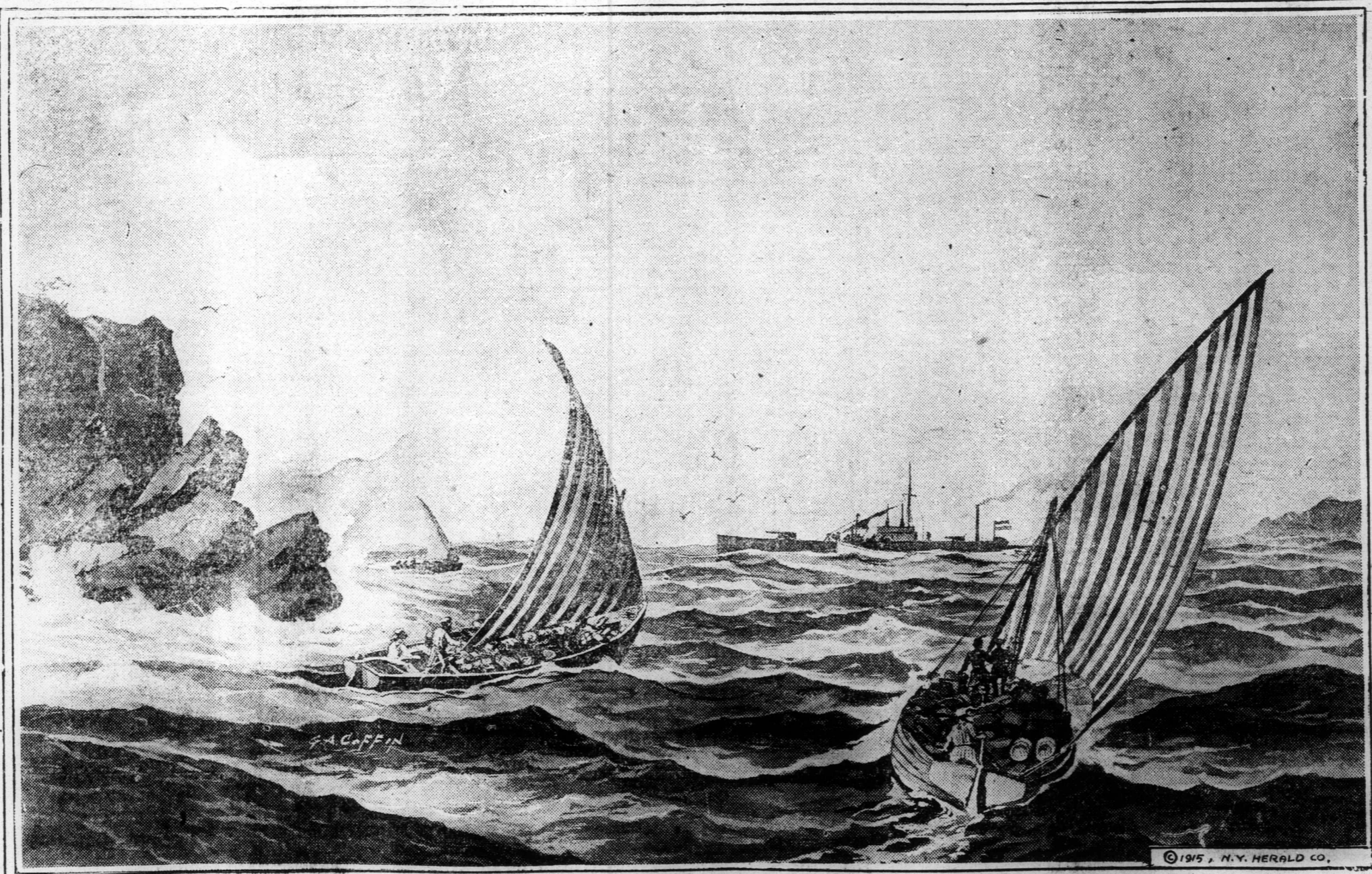
Providence, R. I., Dec. 2.—The Journal to-day says: "Two startling developments in the case of C. C. Crowley, arrested last week for illegal complicity in explosions on the Pacific Coast, were laid before the department of justice in Washington by the Providence Journal yesterday. One of these concerns the German consul-general at San Francisco, F. Bopp, who, the Journal asserts, has received within the last two months nearly \$400,000 to work in connection with the destruction of wharves, ships and munitions plants in San Francisco, Tacoma and Seattle. "The other phase of the case appears in a letter presented by The Journal to the department of justice, signed by Crowley and sent by him to Mme. Bakhmeteff, wife of the Russian ambassador in Washington. This communication, which was received by Mme. Bakhmeteff on September 15 last, was a direct attempt to obtain credentials from the Russian embassy and from the Red Cross for the shipment of cases of dried fruit on steamers trading between Tamama and Vladivostok, which cases, it is alleged, were really meant to contain explosive bombs wired to quantities of dynamite. "Crowley, representing himself as an agent for several fruit growers in California, declared to Mme. Bakhmeteff that they had decided to present, free of charge, paying all shipping rates, several tons of dried fruit to the Russian Red Cross and asked for some recognition from her in connection with the shipments in order to facilitate their being received without question by the agents of the Blue Funnel Line, the ships of which company are carrying large quantities of munitions of war from this country to Vladivostok. "The wife of the Russian ambassador, who is a prominent member of the Russian Red Cross organization, declining the possibilities of mischief in responding in any way to a request of this kind, did not acknowledge the letter. "Evidence is the possession of the department of justice in connection with the blowing up of a barge of powder on Puget Sound, owned by the Hercules Powder Company, for which company, it has been discovered, Crowley worked for some time. A connection has also been established between Crowley and German officials in both Seattle and Tacoma, as well as in the office of the consul-general at San Francisco.

Another Plant Burned Down

French Battery & Carbon Co. Possibly Victim of Pro-German Plotters.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 2.—Fire believed to have been caused by an explosion destroyed the plant of the French Battery and Carbon Company last night, causing a loss of \$100,000. The French Battery and Carbon company, which manufactures dry cell batteries, has a large business in Europe. Since the beginning of the war it has been supplying the allies with large stocks of goods. An investigation by the police has been started. Wholesale frauds in the quartermaster's department of Fort Adams have been uncovered. The amount stolen may reach \$50,000, says Capt. Ralph M. Mitchell.

HOW GREEK SMUGGLERS AIDED GERMAN SUBMARINES OPERATING AGAINST THE ALLIES



GREEK SMUGGLERS PROVISIONING A GERMAN SUBMARINE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN According to numerous despatches received from many sources, German submarines operating in the Mediterranean, have been receiving supplies from Greek smugglers. It is also reported that the British have discovered many submarine bases along the Greek coast, and it is believed that the submarines that sank Allied transports received their supply of petrol from these bases. In the above picture C. A. Coffin, the noted marine artist, depicts the smugglers at their work.

RECRUITING RALLIES For the Brant Battalion Will be Held Throughout the County as Follows: Thursday, Dec. 2, at Cathart. Friday, Dec. 3, at Onondaga. Friday, Dec. 10, at East Oakland. Monday, Dec. 13 at Harley. Tuesday, Dec. 14, at Oakland. Friday, Dec. 17, Kegs Lane School House. Meetings will be held each evening at 8 o'clock.

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