# ENEMY WARSHIPS IN GERMAN WATERS SUNK BY CREWS

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Treaty Likely To Be Signed Wednesday

## GERMAN ADMIRAL ORDERED SINKING OF SHIPS BECAUSE

Six German Sailors Killed and Others Wounded When Fired Upon Subsequent to the Scuttling of the Interned War Vessels At Scapa Flow-Main Force of British Fleet Absent At Time.

London, June 23.—Although reports the doom of which was written in the have stated that six Germans were killed and ten wounded when the boats appear amid of the German fleet in Scapa flow were fired upon subsequent to the scuttling of the German fleet, the Daily Mail says that others may have been drowned, and that some may possibly have reached the Orkney Islands and have not as yet been reported.

The main force of the British fleet was absent, exercising at sea, when the German ships were sunk, only some drifters, small warships and patrolling aircraft being on guard over the interned enemy squadron.

Admiral Von Reuter, in command of the surrendered German fleet, says he issued an order to sink the ships, the Daily Mail adds, and did so because at the beginning of the war the German emperor directed that no German warship should fall into the enemy's hands, He says that he believed, from news. of the German fleet in Scapa flow were been ended.

Ordered the Sinkings.

Admiral von Reuter visited Germany some weeks ago, it being understood at the time that the reason for his trip there was that he was ill, but he soon returned, and it is understood that at that time he circulated the order to sink the German ships by evading the censorship or making signals to the various vessels, an act which the close proxcensorship or making signals to the various vessels, an act which the close proximity of the German ships made quite easy. The Mail quotes the admiralty as stating that the German crews were periodically changed and saying that the easy. The Mail quotes the admiralty as stating that the German crews were periodically changed and saying that the original crews remained on board the vessels. There were from 150 to 200 men on the big ships and from 10 to 20 on board the destroyers. Therefore, there were nearly 5,000 in the water or the ships' boats when the fleet was sunk. Fourteen hundred were landed by the British on Sunday at Nigg, Rosshire, on the northern shore of Cromarty Firth. They were placed in hutments and are being held under military guard. From the behavior of the ships, according to the Mail, it was evident the sea valves had been opened, and in a surprisingly short time the vessels, big and small, began to settle down.

Tried to Save Ships.

Every effort was made by the British may craft to beach the sinking ships, roved a difficult, and at times, a dangerous matter. One destroyer sank as it was being towed Tried to Save Ships.

Every effort was made by the British mayal craft to beach the sinking ships, and in the case of destroyers considerable success was achieved. By 1 o'clock in the afternoon, however, what a short time before had been a stately fleet riding calmly at anchor, was an array of reeling, rocking battleships.

## GERMAN SAILORS SINK ALL WARSHIPS IN HOME WATERS

Vessels Were Left To Enemy Under Armistice Conditions-Twelve Warboats Besides Destroyers Were Anchored Off Kiel and Wilhelmshaven.

Weimar, June 23.—The German warships, which were not Francesco Nitti; foreign office, Tomsurrendered to the Allies, and which have been anchored off Kiel, Wilhelmshaven and other points, also have been sunk by German sailors manning them, according to a report received here from a reliable authority.

According to the reports there were twelve German war vessels, besides destroyers, which were in German waters, not having been turned over to the entente under the armistice provisions.

### What's Doing Tonight?

THEATRES. Majestic—Rex Beach's "The Crimson Gardenia," and vaude-Grand-Marion Davies in "The Burden of Proof," and vaude-

Patricla — George Walsh in "Never Say Quit," and vaude-OTHER EVENTS. Exhibition—Canadian official war photographs, at the armories.

Forest City Lodge, 38, I. O. O. F., eral Labor Union meets in K. P. Hall, Richmond stret, at

Sheet Metal Workers-Local 239



is that he believed from news-reports, that the armistice had warship, each towing boatloads of Ger-All Offenders Will Be Vigorously Dealt With, Says Mayor Gray in Proclamation Issued This Morning-Foreigners Who Violate Law Will Be Immediately Deported.

Winnipeg, June 23.—The following proclamation was issued early this winnipeg, June 23.—The following proclamation was issued early the rining (Monday) by Mayor Gray;
PROCLAMATION: The riot act has been read and remains in full force and effect in Winniper Riotous assembly of crowds, riotous attack on persons or property, riotous damaging of property, are indictable offences, and all persons guilfy of same are liable to imprisonment. Assembling in crowds, congregating and standing on the streets, is dangerous, and you do so at The riots of Saturday were a direct challenge on constituted authority, and were promptly and vigorously suppressed, and my proclamation Those of you who wish to return to your work can do so without fear of molestation, and if you are in the slightest way interfered with or in-

timidated, notify at once the mayor or chief of police and the offenders will be traced down by the Royal Northwest Mounted Police and city police if it takes years to do so. Any foreigners who make any threats f any kind or in any way intimidate or worry would-be workers in the slightest degree, can expect immediate deportation to Russia or wherever they came from. We intend to purge the city of any lawless element and prosecute to the fullest rigor of the law. On the other hand all lawbiding citizens can feel free to go about their business in the full realization that British law will protect them to the limit. No further openair meetings, either in parks, streets or public places, will be permitted

# HEADED BY NITTI

New Ministers Chosen To Succeed Orlando's Administration.

Rome, June 23.—The new cabinet which has been chosen to succeed the one headed by Vittorio Orlando, which resigned last week follows: naso Titoni; colonies, Luigi Rossi; justice of worship, Signor Mortara; war,

VICTORIA ELECTRICAL WORKERS DECIDE NOT TO GO ON STRIKE

## GERMANY'S GOVERNMENT HAS INFORMED THE ALLIES THAT IT IS WILLING TO SIGN PEACE TERMS WITHOUT CONDITIONS

GERMANY AGREES TO ACCEPT, BUT PROTESTS TO THE LAST

Resistance Is Broken.
"Our power of resistance is broken, and there is no means of averting this treaty. The treaty itself, however, does

GERMANS WILL SIGN, BUT

Paris, June 22.—The German note, in which Germany agrees to sign the treaty with two reservations, was received by the president of the peace conference at 5 o'clock this evening. The reply of the allies, through the council of four, was transmitted to the German plenipotentiaries at Versailles.

The German note follows, dated Versailles, June 22, and addressed to M. Clemeanceau:

The imperial minister of foreign affairs has instructed me to communicate the following ta your creaters. "The imperial minister of foreign affairs has instructed me to communicate the following to your excellency:

"The government of the German republic has, from the moment when the peace conditions of the allied and associated governments were made known to it, iet no doubt exist as to the fact that the government, in harmony with the whole German people, must regard these conditions as being in sharp contradiction to the principle which was accepted by the allied and associated powers, on the one hand, and Germany, on the other, as being binding in accordance with the laws of nations for the peace before the conclusion of the peace before the conclusion of the peace before the conclusion of the principle which was accepted by the allied and associated powers, on the one hand, and Germany, on the other, as being binding in accordance with the laws of nations for the peace before the conclusion of the peace before the conclusion of the moment when the wwar, the shattering of its national minity by further occupation of German deithier, territory, terrible famine for wome and children, and mercilessly prolonge retention of prisoners of war.

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The allied and associated governments have, in an ultimatum which expires on June 23, confronted the government of the German republic with the decision either to sign the treaty of peace presented to them or refuse to sign. In the latter case, a completely defensive people has been threatened with the forcible imposition of the conditions of peace already presented and with the increase of heavy burdens.

Do Not Want War.

"The German people does not wish

COMPLAIN OF HARD TERMS office this afternoon.

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French Foreign Office Makes Announcement That the Foe Has Yielded After Unsuccessful Attempt To Secure a Delay of 48 Hours—Germans Protest to Last Against Severe Conditions Imposed by Entente.

Paris, June 23 .-- The German Government at Weimar has formally communicated its willingness to sign the peace terms unconditionally, it was announced by the French foreign

The day and hour for the formal signing of the treaty is uncertain. The signing probably may take place Tuesday, but more likely Wednesday.

ITALIAN DELEGATES TO SIGN.

Paris, June 23.—Italian delegates at present in Paris have been authorized to sign the treaty on behalf of Italy. This announcement clears a question which, it was feared, might delay the signing of the treaty.

CHARLES F, GRAY, Mayor.

ALIENS WHO BREAK
PAROLES ARE SENT
TO INTERNMENT CAMP
Winnipeg, June 23.—Resistered allens in Winnipeg who here the particle meetings and compare in forbidden meetings are being arready placed in interest of the peace of the world and compare in forbidden meetings and compare in forbidde

allied and associated powers have considered the note of the German delegation of even date, and in view of the shortness of time remaining, feel it their duty to reply at once. Of the time within which the German Government must make its final decision as to the signature of the treaty less than 24 hours remains. The allied and associated governments have given fullest consideration to all representations hitherto made by the German Government with Toronto, June 23.—While Toronto's regard to' the treaty and have replied with complete frankness. thousands walked, fitneyed or cycled They have made such concessions as they thought it were just to make. The present note of the German delegates presents no new arguments or consideration not already examined.

The council then declared that the time for discussion was past and that the German representatives must make a decision to sign and accept the treaty as a whole or to reject it.

### FORTY-SEVEN DEAD, 160 INJURED AS A RESULT OF TORNADO

Property Valued At \$6,000.-000 Destroyed At Fergus Falls, Minn.

Evansville. Minn., June 23.—Forty-seven persons are known to be dead, 160 are injured, and in emergency hospitals, and property valued at \$6,000,000 is destroyed, as a result of the ternado which swept through Fergus Falls late yesterday afternoon. Relief work is under way, with plenty of doctors and nurses on hand. There is possibility that the death list may reach 60 when the ruins of the Grand Hotel have been thoroughly searched, as it is known thoroughly searched, as it is known many bodies are still beneath the pile,