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## War News.

Messages Received  
Previous to 9 A. M.

### ON ALL THE FRONTS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8. The British in the Somme region in France are keeping up their new offensive against the Germans in their efforts to push forward toward Bapaume. Southeast of Bapaume, along the Bapaume-Peronne Road, they have taken the highest point of Sallies Hill, and captured a good number of Germans and one machine gun. Along both sides of the Ancre River west of Bapaume further progress has been made, including the capture of a trench near Grandcourt, where a goodly gain was made on Wednesday. On other parts of the front in France and Belgium fighting continues to be carried out by means of artillery and small attacks by the raiding parties. The Teutonic Allies in Macedonia have shown activity along the entire front, according to the last French official. This probably means that the intensive fighting some time ago will shortly be resumed in this theatre. On the eastern front comparative calm prevails from the Baltic to the line in Roumania. In the Carpathians near Krolibah, however, Petrograd reports the capture of the first line of Teutonic trenches, which were held by the Russians, despite counter attacks. Rome reports the failure of an Austrian attack against the Italians in Sugana Valley, and the smashing of the big guns of the Italians of Austro-battaries in several sectors. Enemy and neutral ships aggregating 21,500 tons, have been sunk by German subs. during the past 24 hours. Ten vessels in all were sent to bottom during this period, six being British steamers, aggregating 16,736 tons. Announcement is made by the State Department on the authority of President Wilson, that in case of war between the United States and a foreign country, the Government will under no circumstances take possession of property of subjects of such foreign nation except in conformity with international understandings and recognized law.

SALLY SALLISEL CAPTURED BY BRITISH.

LONDON, Feb. 8. British troops have captured Sally Sallisel, on the Somme front, according to an official issued to-night.

### MORE ABOUT THE CALIFORNIA.

LONDON, Feb. 8.

The British passenger steamer California, of the Anchor Line, bound from New York for Glasgow, was torpedoed at 9 o'clock on Wednesday morning off the Irish coast and sank in nine minutes, with the loss of 41 lives. The stricken ship was able to send out S.O.S. calls and help arrived promptly. Nevertheless five persons were killed by explosion and thirty-six drowned in the launching of the lifeboats. News of the sinking of the California reached London yesterday afternoon before the survivors had yet arrived to land, but publication was not permitted till more than 24 hours later. The California was an armed liner and carried a single 4.7 inch gun mounted on the stern. The gunner was just training his weapon on the spot where oil bubbles revealed the presence of the underwater craft when a torpedo struck the port side with an explosion so violent that most of the people aboard were thrown off their feet, five being killed and a score injured. The submarine fired a second torpedo, with apparent effort to accelerate the sinking, but the second shot missed, although both torpedoes were fired from a distance of less than 100 yards. There was only one American aboard the California; he is among the saved. Capt. Henderson, commander of the California, declares the conduct of the passengers and crew was exemplary. There had been careful drills on the ship on the way across. Every person on the ship had been assigned to a place in the lifeboats and provided with a life belt, but despite the coolness of the passengers and the seamanship of the crew, the successful launching of the boats was made impossible by the shortness of the time between the torpedoing of the vessel and her disappearance beneath the waves, which did not permit waiting until the ship had lost headway. According to reports received by the American Embassy from some of the survivors there was only one submarine, which, however, fired two torpedoes, one of which missed by a few yards, the other hitting the California squarely on the port quarter. It was the captain from the bridge who discovered the suspicious oil bubbles on the surface of the water 300 yards distant, and instantly decided that a submarine was there. He ordered the gunner to fire, but before this could be done the ship was torpedoed. The track of the torpedoes and the periscope of the submarine could be seen, but no warning was given. The submarine did not speak to the boats after the survivors were in the water. Capt. Henderson and other officers remained aboard the California till she went under. Among the

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officers missing is chief engineer Smith, engineer Cunningham, and 3rd officer Simpson.

The Central News says that the California's lifeboats on the port side were launched, and that some of the passengers and crew were able to get away on them. A few who fell into the water were rescued. There was no panic. Although a number of the passengers were injured, all acted in a calm and courageous manner. The pursor's body has been brought to land. This California was armed for defence, but did not have an opportunity to use her guns, as no submarine was seen. There were pathetic scenes at the quay where the survivors of the California landed. Many of them were only scantily clad for such severe weather. Nurses and doctors were waiting to care for the injured who were removed to hotel's or hospitals.

The injured among the California's passengers and crew are doing well. The Anchor Line has arranged for the sending home of the survivors, all of whom have been provided with clothing. Several landed with no covering except blankets. Three women and

two children are reported among the lost. Surgeon Algeo and Assistant Purser Eadie were lost. According to information from survivors, the Press Association says that 28 members of the California's crew and nineteen passengers are missing. Four persons were killed and about 30 injured by explosion, the Association reports.

Washington.—The latest report received this morning at the State Department from Consul Frost, at Queenstown, puts the number of survivors of the California at 162 and the missing at 41. It says the ship apparently was torpedoed about 10 o'clock Wednesday morning. President Wilson read the latest official reports on the sinking of the California, before breakfast, and decided nothing further could be determined until further details were received.

### FIREMAN KILLED.

LONDON, Feb. 8.

Ah American negro fireman on the Turino, George Washington, was killed, according to a report received today by the American Embassy. One of the survivors was Galvin Bay, an American citizen of Fillmore, Utah.

### CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AS USUAL.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.

Formal announcement has been made that in spite of the foreign situation the public inauguration ceremony of March 6th will be held as planned. It is stated it will be impressive in order to afford an opportunity for a perfectly spontaneous exhibition of the patriotic feeling of the country.

### WILL BE TAKEN CARE OF.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8. Notice that Britain had granted safe passage to Count Von Bernstorff and staff, was received at the State Department this afternoon.

### GERARD ASKED TO SIGN PROPOSAL.

BERLIN, Feb. 8. The German Foreign Office last night asked James W. Gerard, American Ambassador, to sign a proposal reaffirming the treaties of 1799 and 1812. The Ambassador referred Government officials to Spanish and Swiss intermediaries.

### NEW YORK EXPECTS SOMETHING.

WEST POINT, N.Y., Feb. 8. All available six inch guns at West Point were shipped to New York today to be used in the forts protecting the city.

### DEMANDS REPARATION.

LIMA, Peru, Feb. 8. The Peruvian Government to-day instructed its Minister at Berlin to make a written claim to the German Government for the sinking of the Peruvian sailing vessel Lorton, which according to an official British account of her sinking, was torpedoed inside Spanish territorial waters on Monday, while on a voyage from Callao to Peru. Foreign Minister Aguero yesterday summoned the German Minister and made a demand for reparation and indemnity for the sinking of the Lorton and for punishment of those responsible. Popular sympathy with the attitude of the United States over the German-American crisis is increasing in view of the sinking of the Lorton. Preparations are being made for a public meeting to protest against the measures taken by Germany and to demand that the Peruvian Government adopt an energetic policy.

### ARGENTINA'S REPLY.

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 8. Argentina's reply to the German note on submarine warfare, declaring she will conform her policy with the principles and fundamental rules of international law, is approved enthusiastically by the newspapers. Al-

though it came as a surprise, the general expectation has been that the Government would declare its intention of maintaining neutrality religiously.

### DECLINES TO ACCEPT.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8. The Netherlands Government, through the American Legation at the Hague, has formally declined to accept President Wilson's suggestion that it follow the course of the United States and break off diplomatic relations with Germany.

### FRENCH NAVY LEAGUE'S REWARD.

PARIS, Feb. 8. The French Navy League has opened a subscription list to establish funds for the reward of vessels capturing submarines. The Navy League contributed 10,000 francs.

### MORE SINKINGS.

LONDON, Feb. 8. Lloyds announce that the British steamer Saxonian, the French steamer or Yvine, Russian schr. Punk Puntis, have been sunk. Lloyds Agency announces also that the British steamer Vedamore has been sunk. The crew landed.

The sinking of the British steamer Dauntless, of Newcastle, is reported by Lloyds. Six men of a crew of 23 have landed, two of them died, the other two are in hospital. The British steamer Hollinsdale, 2,068 tons, has also been sunk. Lloyds reports the sinking of the British steamer Boyne-Castle, 245 tons gross, and the Swedish steamer Varning, 2,296 tons.

### GERMAN WIRELESS CASE FOUND.

RIO JANEIRO, Feb. 8. At the suburban town of Niche-rov, on the 700 ft. hills east of Rio, there was discovered to-day a wireless telegraph station, which was established to communicate with German ships which are being detained in harbor. It is reported on good authority that Peru and Chile will address protests to Germany with regard to the German measures of naval warfare.

### AUSTRIA.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8. Austria has not yet withdrawn or modified her note adhering to the German submarine campaign. It was stated officially to-day by the State Department. The possibility that a break with Austria can be avoided, has practically been given up. Despite the differences in Austria's position, her strict adherence to the principles enunciated by Germany, both in the note to this Government and other communications, make her position practically the same. It is

indicated the small hope remaining is being carefully watched.

### ASKS FOR FREE PASSAGE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8. It is said in despatches that the Netherlands Government made a protest against unrestricted submarine warfare, and that at the same time negotiations were opened with Britain for a reduction of its mine field. The Dutch Government plans to have the British field and danger zone, which now overlap each other, contracted so as to make clear the path through which its ships may pass.

### PREMIER VANDERLINDEN MAKES STATEMENT.

LONDON, Feb. 8. A Renter despatch from the Hague says, in the second chamber of parliament to-day, Premier Vanderlinden made a statement on the submarine situation. He said the government had no reason to change the attitude it had observed previously or during the war through Germany's threat of intensified submarine warfare. Holland up to the present strictly conformed with international law, and it was her opinion that law remains law even when violated by others. Holland, the Premier said, especially upheld the principle of freedom of the seas. Accordingly while maintaining the impartial standpoint of war she had energetically protested to Germany both against the obstruction of free navigation, and against the deliberate employment of submarines and not being in accordance with the international law, there is now, the Premier said, no reason for the government to change its international policy than on any occasion previous to violations of international law. The government remains resolutely attached to the policy of strict impartiality, and maintains its resolve to offer armed resistance to any violation of our territory or our sovereign rights, but any power whatsoever the government hopes by the determination of fact to overcome the difficulties resulting from the international situation. The speech of the Premier was loudly cheered.

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