

LUSITANIA'S SPEED HAD BEEN REDUCED

Canard Company Economizing on Coal Because Traffic Had Declined.

PROBE NEARING END

Main Points Have Been Brought Out, Says Baron Mersey.

LONDON, June 16.—Baron Mersey, president of the court of enquiry, in the sinking of the Lusitania, stated today that the investigation would soon be ended. The baron in his mind was quite satisfied as to the most important questions—the speed of the vessel at the time she was attacked, and the absence of British destroyers as an escort. He believed the court had before it all the evidence it was likely to obtain relative to the alleged shortage of officers and the use of boats at the time of the catastrophe.

Counsel connected with the case was inclined to believe tomorrow would be the last day.

One Boat Drifted. One of the points elicited today was that there was only one boat drift during the voyage. On that occasion some members of the crew, in lifeboats, swung out a lifeboat and jumped in. This drift lasted only a few minutes.

The coal saved during the voyage by cutting off six of the 25 boilers amounted to 1000 tons, according to the testimony of a passenger who said he received this information from Staff Capt. Anderson.

Speed Reduced. Alfred A. Booth, chairman of the board of the Cunard Steamship Co., was asked by Sir Edward Carson why it was that the Lusitania was economizing by using only 10 of her 25 boilers at the time she was torpedoed.

"So far as submarines are concerned, there is no difference between 21 and 24-5 knots," Mr. Booth replied. Sir Edward then asked whether there was any difference between 18 knots, the speed at which the Lusitania was proceeding when attacked, and 21 knots. Mr. Booth replied that no steamer making more than 14 knots was known to have been struck by a torpedo from a submarine until the Lusitania was hit.

No Wireless Instructions. The witness said the Cunard Company was unable to communicate with the vessel by wireless except thru the admiralty, and therefore had given no wireless instructions to Captain Turner. General instructions given previously covered the closing of the water-tight compartments, the swinging out of boats on entering the danger zone, and an order not to slow down to take on a pilot or to lie off Liverpool for the tide. It was left to Captain Turner's discretion to arrange the time of the vessel's arrival.

Mr. Booth said he received no word from Captain Turner during the voyage. On the morning of the day the Lusitania was torpedoed the Cunard Company asked the admiralty to communicate with the ship concerning threats against it.

Cost Down Expenses. The attorney for the survivors asked Mr. Booth why he had stated the Lusitania was being run for reasons of economy, merely to pay expenses. The witness said the bookings of first and second class passengers were very small, but that the number of steerage passengers was only one-third the normal, which occasioned a loss.

Donald MacMaster, representing the Canadian Government, asked whether by calling out both watches all the letters could have been worked. It was admitted the Lusitania had a sufficient supply of coal, Baron Mersey, president of the court of enquiry, interrupted. "What difference would the speed make?" He pointed out that the testimony thus far taken indicated that a speed of 18 knots might have been regarded as ample to escape a submarine. Mr. Booth said no instructions had been sent to the Lusitania to run at full speed thru the danger zone. He also said that on account of the war there were many poorly trained men in the crew.

Lacked Coal and Firemen. Baron Mersey elicited from Mr. Booth that the Lusitania had neither coal nor firemen enough on board to make the trip across under full boiler power. Addressing Sir Edward Carson, Lord Mersey said he desired to know where the danger zone began, and whether arrangements could not have been made for the ship to traverse this zone in the dark. The attorney-general promised to endeavor to supply this information.

Able Seaman Quinn, who was in the crew's nest of the Lusitania when she was struck, then took the stand. He said he saw the torpedo coming, and he expressed the opinion that the Lusitania could not have escaped if she had been "going a hundred knots an hour."

Naval Commander Anderson, who followed Quinn, dwelling upon the importance of efforts to avoid submarines, declared that if the Lusitania had made 20 knots and taken a zigzag course she could still have reached Liverpool at the earliest possible moment for crossing the bar, and that she would have had a much greater chance to escape the submarine.

AUSTRIAN AEROPLANE HOVERED OVER ROME. Enemy Have Hangar Concealed Somewhere Near the Eternal City.

ROME, June 16.—A suspicious aeroplane flew over Rome a few nights ago. All the lights of the city were put out immediately the presence of the aerial visitor became known, and every hand, questions were asked, but not satisfactorily answered, concerning the mysterious aircraft.

Partial solution of the mystery is being sought by the Messagero, which publishes the following: "The enemy has succeeded in building an aeroplane to a point near Rome, where it is being kept in hiding. It has already flown over the city."

SIGNALERS DRILL. The Q.O.R. Signal Corps held their yearly parade at the armories last night under the command of Lieut. Mark.

GREEKS TAKING TURN AT INVADING ALBANIA

Troops of Four Nations Now Marching Thru Troubled State.

ROME, June 16.—Greek troops have invaded Albania, according to Scout despatches today. A battalion commanded by Col. Zontos, a cousin of former Premier Venizelos, has occupied Gramse.

Troops of four nations are now marching thru Albania, while insurgent factions are in clash at several points. Montenegrins have occupied the Albanian towns of Krasnic, Selze, and Clementi, and are continuing their advance southward. The Serbs are moving westward toward the Adriatic, and a body of Italian soldiers is reported to have occupied several coastal villages.

BRITAIN BUILDING GIANT AEROPLANES

Will Carry Five Times as Much Explosive as Ordinary Biplane.

TREMENDOUS OUTPUT

Number of War Aeroplanes Increased Tenfold in Few Months.

LONDON, June 16.—Great Britain is making preparations to carry on an aerial warfare on a gigantic scale. Under-Secretary for War Harold Tennant made this important admission in the house of commons this afternoon, in response to criticism by a member, who suggested that the German air forces were surpassing the British.

The government is now manufacturing a giant aeroplane similar to the Russian Sikorsky, which carries five men and five times as much explosive as the ordinary biplane. Tennant announced. Within the past few months the number of British aeroplanes for war purposes has been increased tenfold and the number of trained aviators fivefold.

Airmen Superior. "British aviators have demonstrated their superiority over the Germans," said Tennant. "Since February there

ATTACK ON GORITZ STRONGLY PRESSED

Austrians Are Well Entrenched and Backed by Heavy Guns.

DEFENSIVE CAMPAIGN

Foe is on Offensive Only in the Carnia Zone.

UDINE, Italy, June 16.—(Via Chiasso and Paris)—Italian troops are continuing with great vigor their attacks upon the Austrian positions at Goritz. The Austrians are defending the town from the height of Podgora, to the west, and from inviolable trenches extending from Podgora to Mount Fortino, in the Isoneo Valley. The Austrian trenches on this front are protected with steel armor and connected with underground passages. The men are able to fire from under cover, and at the same time they are supported by artillery in the hills behind them.

Italian army officers describe the Austrian actions everywhere as purely defensive, except in the Carnia zone, where the best troops have been concentrated, apparently for an offensive movement.

Fighting is going on fiercely both night and day between the Inferno Valley and Malborghetto. This battle field is at an elevation of 7000 feet. Italian reports declare that up to the present the Austrian attacks have resulted in failure.

Elaborate Defences. An elaborate system of entrenchments has been prepared by the Austrians along the Isoneo River, according to an official statement signed by General Cadorna. At some points there are several lines of trenches, some of which are built of masonry or concrete. These trenches are guarded by many mines and batteries. The communication declares repeated Austrian attacks in Carnia were repulsed.

There has been no shortage of high explosive bombs. On the contrary we now have a reserve supply ample for all purposes.

Tennant's announcement was made only a few hours after the admiralty issued an official statement, reporting a new Zeppelin raid on the British coast.

This statement was made in reply to the suggestion by a member of the house that machines of this character were needed adequately to deal with raiding Zeppelins.

IS CARRANZA MINISTER ON MISSION OF PEACE?

Rumor Says Pastor Ranaix Will Meet Villa's Representative at Niagara.

Special to The Toronto World.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., June 16.—Pastor Ranaix, secretary of the interior in the cabinet of Gen. Carranza, constitutional president of Mexico, arrived in Niagara Falls this morning, coming from Baltimore. He was joined by his wife, his private secretary and two women, who preceded him last Saturday, and who have since been staying at the Hotel Imperial across the river. The party immediately crossed to this side.

Accompanying Senor Ranaix were Salvador Gomez and two other Mexicans, whose names could not be learned. What the mission of the Mexicans here is could not be ascertained. There was a rumor that the representatives of Villa, now in Canada, will come here to have a parley with Carranza's cabinet minister. There seems to be well grounded belief on both sides of the river that a second peace conference will be held with Hotel Clifton as headquarters. Madame Ranaix would not deny the rumor prior to the arrival of her husband.

"OLD MAN" SAID

NOT TO WORRY

Hook Testified Concerning Loss of Ten Thousand Dollars in Omaha.

ROGERS SUBPOENAED

Steps Taken to Disclose Mystery of Safety Deposit Box.

WINNIPEG, June 16.—M. G. Hook's story before the royal commission today made it necessary for him to make several corrections over the story he previously gave before commission. He said he first carried \$600 to Salt in Chicago, thirty twenty dollar bills. He knew, because he opened the envelope and looked in. He said that he had been in Omaha, in the vestibule of a store near the depot, not only of the ten thousand dollar package, but of \$400 expense money beside. Latter was in his trouser pocket, and the big sum in his inside coat pocket.

Didn't Tell Police. Hook was subjected to severe cross-examination by A. J. Andrews, and was also questioned by Chief Justice Mathers, with regard to the exact circumstances of the robbery. Hook said the robbers missed \$80 he had in his watch pocket, and they also spared his watch. He said he made no attempt to communicate with the police, because he did not want publicity.

Witness said his nerves were badly shaken when he returned to Winnipeg and reported to Horwood, provincial architect. He said Horwood afterwards told him he had seen the "old man," who was Hook was not in a hurry about the ten thousand. Hook said he at first thought Sir Rodmond Roblin was meant by the "old man," but afterwards he thought Mr. Caldwell was referred to.

The Mystery Box. The Liberal counsel, thru A. J. Andrews asked Hon. Geo. R. Caldwell to produce a key, which it was believed he possessed of Dr. Simpson's "strong box." Mr. Caldwell is said to have replied he had the key, and no steps have yet been taken by the commission to obtain access to the box.

The cipher messages filed with commission yesterday have not yet been deciphered.

Hon. Robert Rogers has been subpoenaed at a witness and was present at the proceedings today.

TRY NOSTRIL MUZZLE FOR COMBATING GASES

Test of Invention by Torontonian at London Institute of Public Health.

LONDON, Ont., June 16.—At the London Institute of Public Health this afternoon Paul Newman, a Russian chemist of Toronto, demonstrated a nostril "muzzle" of his invention, which he believes will prove effective in combating German gases at the front. With the respirator over his nostrils, Newman entered a room filled with chlorine gas. After six minutes, however, he was forced to withdraw, having inhaled some of the deadly fumes, the muzzle, his first model, not fitting closely over his nostrils. Another test will be held at Ottawa shortly in the presence of Major-General Hughes and other militia authorities. The minister of militia, who was in the city today, was unable to be present at the test, and the demonstration took place before Major A. V. Becker, medical officer of the 33rd Battalion, who, despite the failure of today's test was quite impressed with the possibilities of the device.

SUPERVISE INDUSTRIAL STUDY.

Special to The Toronto World. NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., June 16.—The collegiate institute trustees have created a special industrial commission to supervise the industrial courses of study which are established, when that institution reopens next fall. This is in compliance with the Ontario School Act. The commission is made up of trustees Geo. Muir, Flynn, Reynolds, Morse and Leslie; W. H. Arison, A. Kinsinger, O. Zimmerman, E. J. Jackson, Lee McGlashan, Sidney Burrows. The last six men are connected with Falls industries. The law requires that at least six men shall be connected with the manufacture of staple articles.

BUILDING SALE

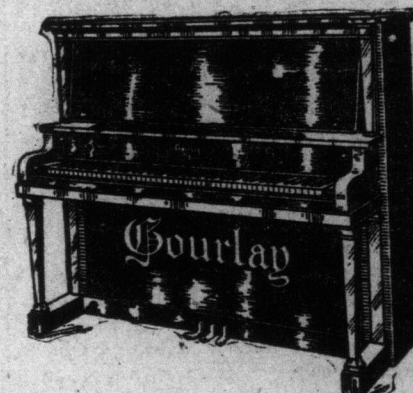
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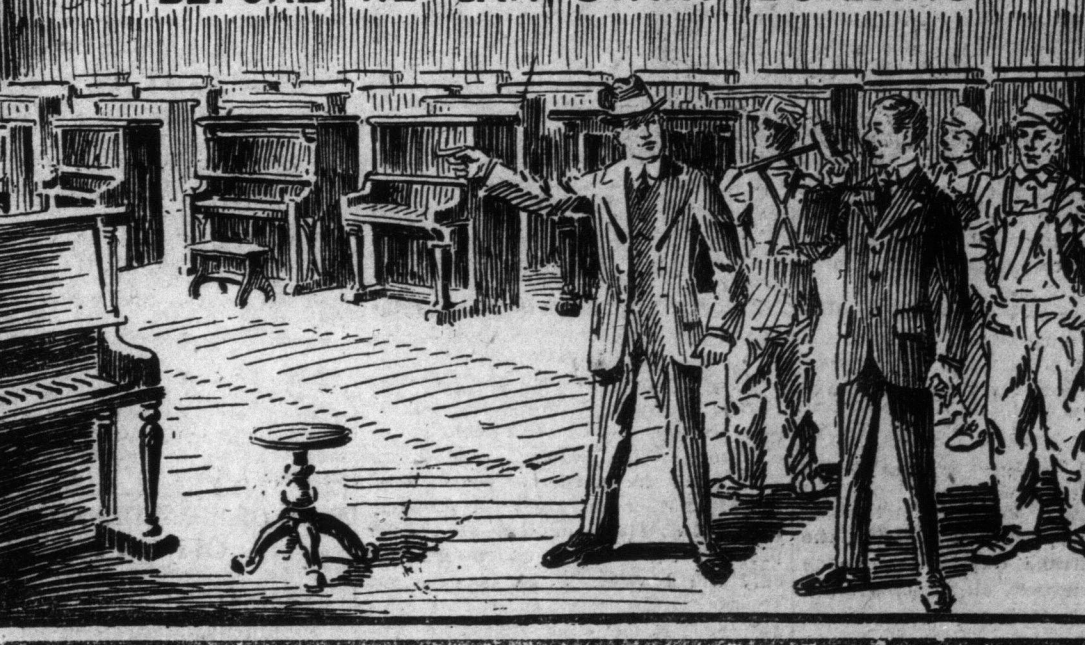
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ENGAGE WITH RUSSIANS IN REAR GUARD FIGHT

Teutonic Allies Display Activity From San River to Bessarabian Frontier.

BERLIN, June 16, via London, 9.50 p.m.—Special despatches from the Austrian headquarters report that the Teutonic allies are pushing the Russians vigorously from the San River to the Bessarabian frontier. The latest operations are said to have resulted in bringing Gen. Mackensen's forces in contact with Gen. Linsingen and Gen. Planzer. Heavy fighting is proceeding along

CALL FOR RECRUITS.

Artillery recruits are wanted for the 9th Battery C.F.A., according to a statement made by the recruiting officers last night. Men who are physically fit are asked to call at the armories to enlist in this corps. The battery is being rapidly brought up to strength, and with a few days more recruiting the complement of the unit will be completed.

TO INCREASE ACREAGE AND PROVIDE WORK

Federal Scheme Will Apply Only to Unpatented Lands.

OTTAWA, June 16.—The Federal government has evolved a scheme to increase tillable acreage in the west and at the same time provide work for the unemployed. With the consent of settlers the unemployed will be utilized to clear areas of scrub land and make the cost a first charge on the land. It applies only to unpatented lands. Farmers are to notify the immigration authorities. Those wanting work are to do the same or register at Dominion lands offices.

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