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VESSELS ATTACKED AND SUNK BEFORE BOATS WERE READY

Torpedo Caused Terrific Explosion on African Liner Falaba, While Crew Struggled to Save Passengers—Pirate Craft's Fire Riddled Boats of Steamer Agulla—Survivors Tell of Their Terrible Struggle For Life.

LONDON, March 30.—Upwards of 150 lives were lost in the sinking by German submarines of the African liner Falaba and the British steamer Agulla, bound from Liverpool for Lisbon. The Falaba, which was torpedoed in the St. George's Channel Sunday afternoon, carries a crew of 90 and about 160 passengers, and of this total only 140 were rescued. Of those rescued eight died later from exposure.

The Agulla had a crew of 42, and three passengers, and of these 23 of the crew, and all the passengers were lost.

In both cases, on sighting the submarine the captains tried to escape by putting on all speed possible, but the underwater craft overtook the steamers, showing that Germany now has some of her most modern submarines engaged in the blockade operations against England.

The captain of the Falaba, who was one of those lost, was given five minutes to get his passengers and crew into the boats, but according to survivors, before this was possible, a torpedo was fired, striking the engine-room and causing a terrible explosion. Many persons were killed and the steamer sank in ten minutes.

Trawlers which happened to be in the vicinity rescued most of those who were saved; others got away in the boats which were quickly lowered when the order was given to abandon the ship.

Those who were still on the steamer when the explosion occurred were thrown into the sea, and it took the fishermen an hour or more to pick up the people in the water who managed to keep themselves afloat.

The Agulla was attacked off the Pembroke coast. The submarine, which in this case was the U-28, opened fire with her gunshells, which killed a woman passenger, the chief engineer and two of the crew. Even after the crew had commenced to lower the boats, according to the story of the survivors, the Germans kept up their fire and some of the boats were riddled with bullets.

The captain of the trawler Otille, whom the commander of the submarine told of the sinking of the Agulla, went to the rescue and picked up three boats, containing 19 of the crew. The fourth boat, which contained the other members of the crew, could not be found, and it is presumed that she foundered. On their arrival at Flisguard several of the crew wore bandages having been wounded by the fire from the submarine.

Another Dutch steamer, the Amstel of 853 tons, has been blown up by a mine off Flamboro Head, but her crew were rescued.

FORTRESS OF KILID BAHR REPLIED FEBBLY TO FIRE

PARIS, March 30.—A despatch to the Haves Agency from Athens says a battleship, torpedo boats and mine sweepers of the Allied fleet entered the Dardanelles Saturday and Sunday. Kilid Bahr, which was the objective of the guns of the warships, responded feebly. Sunday afternoon, the correspondent adds, a battleship fired ten shells against the position of Krithia, on the European side, a short distance up the straits.

ALLIES HAVE LANDED TROOPS AT LEMNOS AND TENEDOS

LONDON, March 30.—The operations of the allied fleets against the Dardanelles have become intensified. The warships are incessantly bombarding. The Narrows forts have been partially silenced, and villages nearby are burning.

The Allies, besides landing troops at Lemnos, have also landed troops and are occupying Tenedos.

Decisive action on the vastest scale is imminent.

A Constantinople despatch to Reuter's Telegram Company, by way of Amsterdam, says that an imperial irade has been issued designating the Turkish forces on the Dardanelles as the fifth army under command of Gen. Liman von Sanders, of the Russian Cavalry, who was formerly commander of the Turkish forces in Europe.

CARPATHIAN BATTLE UNDIMINISHED

VENICE, March 30.—Despatches to Budapest newspapers say that the battle is raging with undiminished violence in the Uzok Pass and to the west. The difficulties experienced by the troops because of the rough character of the ground and the weather conditions are said to be enormous. Although the weather is warmer, snow still lies on the ground to a depth of several feet, rendering the movements of the troops and the transport of munitions extremely hard.

The Russians, the despatches say, have concentrated greatly increased forces of troops in the Uzok Pass, and, aided by continual reinforcements, maintain incessant attacks on the Austrian positions.

DR. E. O. PLATT WAS UNANIMOUSLY SELECTED AS THE STANDARD BEARER

By the Liberals of West Hastings at an Enthusiastic Convention Held Yesterday Afternoon.

LIBERALISM STANDS FOR A UNITED CANADA

Rousing Address on the Issues of the Day by Wm. A. Buchanan, M.P., the Eloquent Representative From Medicine Hat.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Yesterday afternoon at a representative meeting of the Liberals of the federal riding of West Hastings, held in the Robertson block, Front street, Ald. Dr. E. O. Platt of the city was proposed as candidate of the Liberal party at the next Dominion Elections. Mr. E. T. Marsh, the president, gave a brief but impressive address, emphasizing the correctness of the Liberal policy in regard to the navy, and calling attention to the enormous increases of expenditure and the saturation of corruption at Ottawa since the Conservative party came into power. We read several scathing comments from Saturday Night, an independent journal, about the incompetence, extravagance and scandalous practices everywhere evident in the Militia Department.

Mr. F. E. O'Flynn at this juncture announced the decision of the special committee appointed at the last annual meeting regarding the selection of a candidate. The committee he said formed the candidature of Dr. Platt.

Mr. F. E. O'Flynn moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. Hubbell, the adoption of the report. The resolution was unanimously carried amid cheers.

Time to Consider Nominations. Dr. Platt arose to speak and said he was greatly surprised at the selection. He asked that he be given time to consider whether or not he should become the candidate.

The doctor referred in glowing words to the Patriotic needs of the hour and the great crises which the Empire is facing today.

He stated that he had come to the decision that in this country and in England, the land of his birth, the Liberal party was the best party.

Dr. Platt praised the energy of the Liberals of Belleville and Hastings, who will do everything honorable to stand by the old Flag and Liberalism.

We need someone in these days to rise and show up the Tory party. While our boys are fighting at the front, what are those men trying to do at Ottawa? To crucify our boys? No wonder the Ottawa Citizen, Conservative newspaper goes out in denunciation.

"It is a disgrace to have such men in our Country as the leaders of our Government."—Applause.

Mr. F. E. O'Flynn moved, seconded by Mr. J. O. Herity that Dr. Platt be given time for consideration of the nomination.

A standing committee was appointed to nominate officers for the ensuing year. The committee withdrew.

Mr. M. Wright introduced Mr. William A. Buchanan, of Medicine Hat, Alberta, to the gathering as the old County of Hastings boy. Mr. Buchanan has taken his full and vigorous share in the important duties at Ottawa.

Mr. W. A. Buchanan, M.P. Mr. Buchanan, after a warm reception, recalled his early days in West Hastings where he attended school. He had associated with the strong Liberals in the riding. He early became convinced that Liberalism was the right policy for Canada.

We have had four years of Conservative rule and these four years resembled the 1878-1896 type of rule. What the people of Ontario need is education. They are not acquainted with problems in the West the people are not conservatives or Liberals, but they for the best interests of Canada.

The West votes surely. When the people of Ontario vote wisely without being carried away by waves of opinion, they will realize that the Liberal principles are the best principles.

We were not supposed to talk politics until the war was over. Sir Wilfrid Laurier promised a truce and observed it. Now we have the word of Hon. Mr. Kemp, of Toronto, who said there never was a truce. The truce was broken by the Conservatives. The Conservatives tried to put through measures under cover of the war and the truce and they thought the Liberals would say nothing. The Liberals being the extra burden being placed on the people by the new tariff, and feeling that the war was to be for the benefit of the manufacturers, had to oppose. Most emphatically the Liberals opposed the reduction of the

British preference. The Liberals gave the British a preference. Now the Conservatives endeavor to make it more hard for British trade with Canada. Could the Liberals have said still. The Conservatives then would say that the Liberals are not in favor of unity of effort. The war tariff is not for war purposes, for they are just as loyal as the Conservatives. We are not going to take advantage to increase the revenue. The tariff is months it has been known that the revenue of Canada was falling off, long before the war broke out. But the Conservatives did not retrench expenditures, they take advantage of the present situation.

War is not to blame for the decrease in revenue, but the Conservative reckless expenditure is responsible.

Some manufacturers have indeed been affected by the war and Agricultural Committees hear that grain has increased in price owing to the war.

There is only one man the premier, who knows when to take place. Likely it will take place this fall. From a knowledge of conditions throughout Western Canada, the speaker says that Liberals had as good chance of returning to power as in 1896.—Cheers.

In twelve seats in Alberta, he would concede only two to the Conservatives. The Liberal party discovered Western Canada.

Since 1911, the west has found conditions declining. Sir Wilfrid Laurier had the ideal of development of the West by Reciprocity. He never had any ideal of the affection of never had any ideal of the affection of the manufacturers.

Reciprocity would have been a benefit to the West and indirectly to the manufacturers. The west felt reciprocity would bring greater contentment to agriculture by the opening of a new market. Surely the West had a slump. Providence seems to go with Liberalism. Providence does not go with Borden. From 1896 to 1911, Canada very rapidly developed. In the West we believe in Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The West vote on issue, not on heredity—disturbance between Tory and Liberal.

The American vote in the west is 80 per cent. Liberal. The Americans prosper in the West under Liberalism.

Turning to the war, the speaker said that the truce had been broken by the Conservatives.

We will in this coming election be charged with lack of appreciation of the Empire's need. He would show this, the Liberal party, was the only party that had an adequate ideal of Canadian defence.

Tory and Nationalist Compact. In 1909 the Liberals made a strong effort to the development of a navy and opposed the centralization idea. Borden and Foster favored this until opposition in Quebec broke out against the Canadian idea of a navy. The Conservatives saw their only opportunity in binding up with the Nationalists. Bourassa said Laurier was too loyal and wanted to put French-Canadians into service and that he was too British.

Mr. Borden took in three leaders of the National movement. The Conservatives paraded up and down this country saying Sir Wilfrid Laurier was not loyal enough. While the men who were dealing with them in Quebec, were saying that Laurier was too loyal. There was a compact between the Tories and the Nationalists. Borden recognized the Nationalists. Then in 1912-13 Mr. Borden had to abandon his attitude in favor of the Canada navy because the Nationalists opposed it. The Borden plan was the emergency and the contribution.

When Was Emergency? The Conservatives will say this war shows there was an emergency. We will go to the people when he declared there was an emergency. They were the Mobs and Rainbow did not let in commission to defend the ports of Halifax and

troubled its lines. The need must have been there.

Development of West.

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