

Lord Beresford Gives Warning as to Submarines; Hospital Ship Sunk

London, March 27, 6.25 p.m.—Losses of merchant vessels amounting to more than 420,000 tons thus far in March have resulted from war measures of the Central Powers, Lord Charles Beresford said in the house of lords today.

In a debate in the house of lords on the British blockade Lord Beresford said that with longer days and calmer weather the losses would increase, and that the public ought to have the facts brought home to it. The number of vessels destroyed thus far this month was given by him as 255.

Lord Beresford expressed the opinion that captures of submarines by the British were not at all equivalent to the new submarines the Germans were launching. He believed the Germans had more men and more food than had been imagined in England. The foreign office, he said, had too much power over the navy, to the detriment of the navy. The losses of British, allied and neutral vessels for February, he said, amounted to 281 vessels, with an aggregate tonnage of more than 500,000.

London, March 27.—The British hospital ship *Asturias* was torpedoed without warning, it was officially announced today. Thirty-one persons were killed, and twelve are missing.

The British hospital ship *Asturias*, while steaming with all navigating lights and with all proper distinguishing Red Cross signs, was torpedoed and sunk without warning on the night of March 26. The following casualties occurred: Military, dead, 15; missing, 3, including one female staff nurse; injured, 17, crew, dead, 20, with 9 missing, including one stewardess; crew injured, 22.

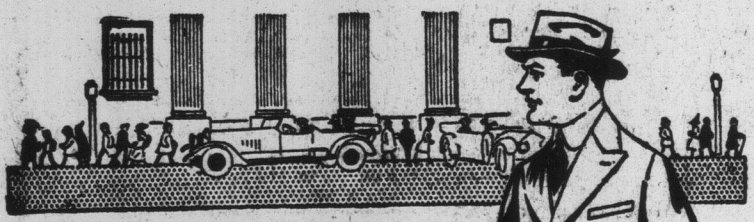
The torpedoing of the hospital ship is included in the list of achievements claimed by U-boats, as reported in a wireless press message yesterday.

It is understood that when the *Asturias* was torpedoed she was carrying no wounded. She had disembarked a considerable number of wounded at a certain British port and was on a return voyage with some 800 persons aboard.

London, March 27.—Two British torpedo boat destroyers have been sunk, one by striking a mine and another after a collision with a steamer was officially announced tonight.

A famous physician, asked at the New York Academy of Medicine why he wore rubbers on a day when the streets were perfectly dry, replied:

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MORE GAINS SHOWN IN THE WAR CABLES RECEIVED LAST NIGHT

The British and French troops have made additional important gains against the Germans on the line running from Arras to Soissons. On the British center at several points Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig's men have pushed forward appreciably nearer the St. Quentin-Cambrai road, occupying the villages of Longueval, L'Herminette and Equancourt, and in addition have recaptured from the Germans a position north of Beaumont-Lez-Cambrai, which the Germans took from them in an attack Monday night.

The gains of the French were made in the region to the south of La Fere, when they drove the Germans completely out of the lower forest of Coucy and also captured the villages of Petit Barisis, Verpillieu and Coucy-le-Chateau. The French line in this region to the western outskirts of the forest of St. Gobain, and the upper forest of Coucy.

In the Soissons sector further progress was made north of Neuville-St. Margival and northeast of Lethu. The German war office admits the capture by the British of the town of Roisel, about eleven miles northwest of St. Quentin, and in reality taken on Saturday, and the falling back of the German forces before the French advance on Neuville-St. Margival and northeast of Lethu.

Violent artillery fighting in the region of Verdun and at various points in Belgium, notably near Dinant, Steenstraete and Elst Sas, has been in progress.

On the Russian front, the Russians have been forced to fall back before the Germans south of Baranovich, according to a statement of the Petrograd war office. In the fighting Berlin claims that more than 300 Russians were made prisoners, and four machine guns and seven mine-throwers were captured. Russian attacks near Lohak, in Volynia, and in Galicia were repulsed by the Teutonic allies, says Berlin.

Apparently a renewal of fighting in Roumania is indicated by the German official communication, which says the Russians have been prevented from carrying out an attack south of the Tiras Valley.

In the Austro-Italian theatre, along the Julian front, the Teuton made an attack in force between Dosso Felle and Trieste, and captured a section of Italian trenches on Hill 126. At all other places, however, the attack met with repulse, according to Rome.

About 400 yards of Teutonic allied trenches have been captured by the French near the Cervaraia Crest in Serbia. Macedonia borders with some 100 prisoners. A Bulgarian attack in the Cerna river bend in this region was repulsed.

Knew It Was True.
First Gossip—Do you believe that awful story they are telling about Mrs. Perrin?

Second Gossip—Yes, what is it?

MONTHEND SALE AT BROWN'S

Notwithstanding the great scarcity of merchandise and the raising of prices in all lines, we are pleased to announce that stocks in all departments are larger than ever before. We have made many fortunate purchases away below the present market prices, and can offer bargains at this Month End Sale that will surprise you.

Corduroy Sale

Value \$1.00 yd. Special 59c yd.
Over 2,000 Yards on Sale

New 27 and 24 inch Corduroy Silk Pile Dress Velvets. An order given last year when prices were much lower than today. The colors on sale are myrtle, laurel, hunters' green, sage, cinnamon, nigger brown, lilac, electric, sapphire, marine, light and dark navy, slate, dresden, grey, cardinal, crimson, rose, black, white and ivory. We have several boxes of each shade, but there will be a rush, so don't delay.

Sample Curtain Corners

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These are an English manufacturer's set of Lace Curtain samples, suitable for small windows, etc. Every pattern different, though some will match up very well. The regular value of these Lace Curtains from stock is \$1.50 to \$7.50 per pair. White, ivory and cream. Don't delay, as there is always a great demand for these Curtain Corners.

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Value 69c ea. Sale 50c ea.

Made of fast color English Prints, full length, with front pocket and strap to button across back. This Apron covers the entire dress, and can be slipped on and off in a second. Fifteen different patterns to select from, in light and mid colors.

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Value 25c each. Sale 18c each.

Made of strong cotton, full size. Only ten dozen left.

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Value 15c yd. Sale 12 1/2c yd.

This special Unbleached Cotton is full 36 inches wide, very heavy and free from dressing, suitable for many household purposes.

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Good quality Jean, medium length, four-hose supporters. Sizes 19 to 30 inches.

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Values 35c. and 50c. Sale 25c. each

Wonderful value, trimmed with lace, insertion and embroidery. Sizes 34 to 44 inches.

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Made of fine cambric, full sizes, trimmed with tucks, open and closed styles.

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Slight Defects.

Values to \$1.00 pair. Sale 35c. pair

Fifty dozen of Ladies' Black Silk Hose at less than half price. Slight defects in every pair. All sizes.

Women's Wash Underskirts

Value 75c. Sale 59c. each

Made of good strong duck with flounce and dust ruffle. Grey and white stripes. Lengths 38 to 42 inch.

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Value 30c. yard. Sale 20c. yard

Over 2,000 yards of fine Voiles in floral and striped effects, all new patterns.

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Sample Blouses

Value to \$1.50. Sale 75c. each

One hundred new spring Sample Ladies' Blouses. All sizes to 36—Voiles, Organdy, Satin, etc., to be cleared at 75c. each.

Voile and Organdy Blouses

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New Voile and Organdy Waists to be sold this week at the factory price in order to introduce a new line. Sizes 34 to 44 inches.

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Value 75c. each. Sale 50c. each

Sizes 34 to 42 inch.

Navy Serges

Sale Prices

69c. yard Navy Serge. Sale 55c. yard

85c. yard Navy Serge. Sale 65c. yard

\$1.00 yard Navy Serge. Sale 75c. yard

\$1.50 yard Navy Serge. Sale \$1.25 yard

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Width 40 to 54 inch—Fast Indigo Dye.

Black and White Check Dress Goods

40 inch. Sale 35c. yard

50 inch. Sale 45c. yard

52 inch. Sale 50c. yard

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FRANCE CALLS UP THE CLASS OF 1918

Paris, March 27.—The government's bill providing for the calling out of the 1918 class recruits provoked a long debate in the chamber of deputies today, and a frank explanation by the new minister of war, Paul Painleve, on the conditions confronting the Allies.

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was entering a decisive phase of the war, "decide" did not mean "brief."

"Successful as is the beginning of the spring campaign, great as is the joy of seeing part of our territory liberated, it would be puerile to consider the German retreat as renunciation," said the minister. "The retreat is evidently rather by reason of the force of the Anglo-French armies and the prudence of their co-ordination than because of weakening on the part of the German army. It is proof of the necessity of their bringing together their military energies. Germany is assembling an army, greater numerically and more solidly equipped than ever before. That is the instrument of war over which we must triumph. Certainly the most cruel sacrifice is that of these thousands of young men, who sacrificed themselves before having even lived, in order that the country may be saved."

The chamber voted down several amendments and finally passed the bill.

New Clue.

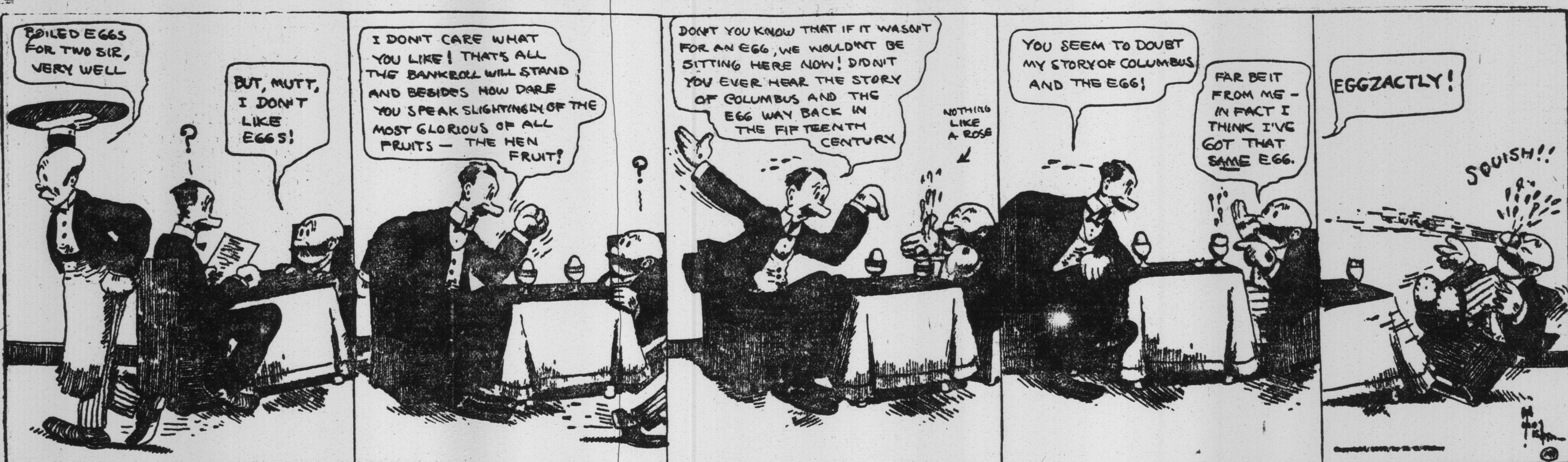
A schoolboy composition on Patrick Henry contained the following gem:—"Patrick was not a very bright boy. He had blue eyes and light hair. He got married, and then said, 'Give me liberty or give me death.'"

One of the biggest pine logs cut in the vicinity of Norway, Me., for some time was felled by two Norway men a few days ago. The butt log was 16 feet long and contained 1100 feet of lumber. The whole tree scaled 2280 feet.



Mutt and Jeff—Jeff Believes The Columbus Egg Story, All Right

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