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## GERMAN SUBMARINES ADD ANOTHER TO LIST OF MURDERS; SINK TRAWLER AND CREW

### BRITISH FORCES HAVE BEGUN AN IMPORTANT ADVANCE IN BELGIUM

London, April 20.—British troops have begun a strong advance in Belgium south of Ypres. The War Office last night briefly chronicled the taking of a hill in that region but a despatch to the Morning Post from "North of France," under date of yesterday states that the British lines have been pushed forward three miles after fighting as fierce as that at Neuve Chapelle.

### Germans Fired on Boat Which Attempted to Rescue Trawler's Crew

German Submarine Attacks Trawler Which Went to Help of Drowning Crew—Killing of Fisher Folk for No Military Purpose Should Not Escape Attention, Admiralty Says—Second Murder of the Kind Within a Week.

London, April 19.—The British trawler *Vanilla* was sunk by a torpedo from a German submarine in the North Sea yesterday according to a report made today by Captain Hill, skipper of the trawler *Fermo*. Captain Hill said he was within 300 yards of the *Vanilla* when she was struck. He made an attempt to pick up the crew, but he declares that the submarine attacked him in his effort at rescue. It fired a torpedo at the *Fermo*, which forced her to seek safety in flight.

London, April 20.—The Admiralty has issued the following statement: "Yesterday a German submarine torpedoed and sank the trawler *Vanilla*. The trawler *Fermo* endeavored to rescue the crew, but was fired at and driven off. "All the crew of the *Vanilla* were lost. This killing of fisher folk, for no military purpose, should not escape attention. It is the second murder of this character committed within a week. A careful record is kept of these events."

### ABSOLUTELY DENIES THE STATEMENT

Cablegram from Surgeon-Gen. Jones Gives Lie to Statement Made by Witness Shaver Before Public Accounts Committee.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, April 19.—In connection with the recent evidence given by a witness named Shaver, representative of Beaver & Black of Chicago, at the Public Accounts Committee, in which he stated when questioned regarding the appointment of W. F. Garland's drug clerk that he had been told by Surgeon General Jones, director general of medical services, that the policy of the government was to buy drugs only through middlemen and not direct from the manufacturer, the following cablegram has just been received by the Minister of Militia and Defence from General Jones, who is now in France:

"I deny absolutely that I ever made the assertion that no goods could be sold to the Militia Department except through middlemen. "(Sgt.) GUY CARLETON JONES."

This cablegram bears out the statement of Sir Robert Borden in the House of Commons last Thursday when in the course of a speech dealing with the matters brought before the Public Accounts Committee, he placed his faith in whatever General Jones would say.

#### ONLY ONE DEATH.

Ottawa, April 19.—Today's casualty list announces one death: Fourteenth Battalion. Died of wounds—April 18.—Private Edward James Coombes at Nottley, West of Kin, A. H. Coombes, 1 Highfield Glen, Pontypridd, South Wales.

### VIENNA PAPER KNOCKS U.S. NEUTRALITY

"Phrases" Only Satisfaction Teutonic Allies Need Expect to Protests, Vienna Fremdenblatt Says.

Venice, via London, April 19.—The discussion aroused by the memorandum recently presented by the German Ambassador, Count Von Bernstorff, to the State Department at Washington, respecting American neutrality is being followed with the keenest interest in Austria-Hungary. The tone of the press generally is hostile to the United States. The Vienna Fremdenblatt says: "It will be difficult to answer such a justifiable remonstrance as that of Germany, nor does anybody expect an actual reply, but only what the United States has heretofore answered German admonitions with, namely, phrases. The feeling of disappointment which the attitude of the United States has produced in Austria will not disappear for a long time." The Fremdenblatt is recognized as the organ of the Austro-Hungarian foreign office.

### FUND TO PROVIDE BEDS IN DUCHESS' HOSPITAL HAS BEEN CLOSED

Toronto, April 19.—It was announced today by Noel Marshall, chairman of the executive committee of the Canadian Red Cross Society, that the 500 beds at the Duchess of Cornwall Hospital at Clivedon, Bucks, England, had been fully subscribed and the fund was, therefore, closed.

### A KNOTTY PROBLEM



SIR ROBERT BORDEN HAS TO FINISH LAURIER'S WORK.

### CANADIAN BOOTS "O.K." SAYS OFFICER NOW ON DUTY WITH HIS TROOPS

Much Superior to English Issue—Actual Experience Gives Lie to Liberal Claims.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, April 19.—Lt.-Col. David Watson, of the second Canadian battalion now at the front, writes to General Hughes saying that his attention has been directed to certain articles appearing in the press relative to the issue of Canadian boots to the first Canadian contingent and maliciously attacking the value of these. Col. Watson says that on an inspection of his regiment he ascertained the opinion of the men regarding the relative merits of these boots and in almost every instance it was intimated that the Canadian boots were most satisfactory and particularly comfortable. "When the new English issue was distributed," he said, "it was found that they wore out much quicker than the Canadian boots and they are much more clumsy and harder on the men's feet. I was pleased to note the large number of men still wearing the Canadian boot, having taken special care of the same and having them resoled a couple of times. "It is therefore most unfair that these malicious reports regarding our Canadian boots should be allowed to pass without pointing out the injustice of the same. I would also call attention to the issue of Canadian puttees as against the value of the issue we received over here. The English issue is threadbare and almost valueless already, and one can easily pick out the Canadian article as they are of much better wearing quality and numbers of our men are still using the original Valcartier issue." Col. Watson adds that the "conditions and experiences at Salisbury Plain during the past winter were calculated to destroy any boot made."

### WELSH COAL MINERS PREPARE TO STRIKE

London, April 19, 10.15 p. m.—A critical situation has arisen among the coal miners. Representatives of the Welsh miners have unanimously decided in favor of tendering a fortnight's notice of a proposed strike to the mine owners, in order to enforce their demands for a twenty per cent. increase in wages. The Miners' Federation of Great Britain will meet Wednesday to decide what action they will take to compel the mine owners to accede to their demand for a similar increase.

### GEN. O'BREGON WON VICTORY OVER VILLA

Washington, April 19.—Consular despatches from Mexico reaching the State Department today confirmed the Carranza claims of a great victory for General Obregon over General Villa at Celaya, and told of the latter's retreat northward, destroying the railroad as he went. Villa's losses in the six days fighting ending Saturday were estimated at 6,000 killed and wounded. Fourteen troop trains carrying the

defeated chieftain and his battered army arrived yesterday at Aguas Calientes, 125 miles north of the battle ground round Celaya and Irapuato. Officials here would not be surprised, in view of all the developments of the past few days, if Villa had difficulty in maintaining his line of communications to the American border. The loyalty of some of his garrisons is said to be questioned. It is also said that with Zapata out of communication with the north, occupation of Mexico City might be accomplished by Obregon with little difficulty.

### WILSON TO ATTEND PRESS LUNCHEON.

Washington, April 19.—President Wilson will leave here at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning for New York, to attend the annual luncheon of the Associated Presses. Secretary Daniels decided tonight to go with the President, and others in the party will be Dr. C. T. Grayson, the President's naval aide and Secretary Tumulty.

### NOT ANXIOUS FOR TROUBLE WITH NETHERLANDS

Willing to Make Compensation for the Torpedoing of Dutch Steamer in North Sea Last Week.

London, April 19.—The German government's willingness to make reparation for the sinking in the North Sea last week by a German submarine, of the Dutch steamer *Katwyk* is indicated in a Reuter despatch from Amsterdam. This message says semi-officially that the German government, acting on its own initiative, sent the following declaration to the Dutch government: "Neither the German government nor the German naval authorities, as is self-evident, had the intention of attacking a Dutch vessel. Notwithstanding this, the German government believes it possible that owing to an unfortunate accident the *Katwyk* has been torpedoed by a German submarine. "At once, after the event became known, the German government ordered an inquiry, and requested the Dutch government to send to Berlin an official report on this subject which can give enlightenment. If inquiry proves that the *Katwyk* has been sunk by a German submarine, the German government will express unhesitatingly its sincere regret and offer full compensation."

### MOSHER SAYS BLAME FOR STRIKE MUST REST ON GUTELIUS

Head of Brotherhood of Railway Employees Issues a Statement.

Halifax, April 19.—President A. R. Mosher, of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees, issued the following statement today in reply to General Manager Gutelius regarding the threatened strike of the employees of the Intercolonial Railway: "If there is a strike on the government railways the blame must rest where it properly belongs, on the general manager, Mr. Gutelius. "The failure of the management to carry out the terms of the agreement of March 21, 1913, do not consist in the refusal of the management to make promotions from one department to another, irrespective of ability and merit. There are numerous instances where promotions of the senior qualified employee has been refused in his own department, while incompetent men have been advanced because of

### SHARP FIGHTING ON GERMAN TERRITORY IN WESTERN CAMPAIGN

Reported That Germans Will Abandon Plans for Offensive and Confine Efforts to Holding Back Allies—Spring Ends Operations on East Front Except in Carpathians.

London, April 19.—Activity prevails along the western battle line, but seems to partake of the nature of isolated engagements instead of a general offensive. Artillery duels have taken place of the fierce hand-to-hand fighting, which has been the feature of the recent struggle along the Meuse and near the Lorraine border, but the latter type of combat continues in the Vosges, where the official statements of both sides agree, sharp fighting is taking place on German territory. The agreement, however, ends with this fact, the French claiming to have occupied dominating positions here, and the Germans declaring that the attacks of the French have failed. From the British end of the lines comes the report, officially issued by the War Office at London, that Hill No. 60, an important point two miles south of Zillebeke, Belgium, was captured from the Germans on the night of April 17th.

The German communication tells of driving the British out of the minor German positions, which were occupied by them to the southeast of Ypres. This is in the neighborhood of Hill No. 60. Petrograd continues to report that minor successes in the Carpathians, showing that the fighting has not been entirely suspended near the passes, but the Russians, Austrian and German official reports agree that spring has virtually put an end to all activity along the remainder of the eastern front. Various rumors are current regarding the central powers. Austria, through the medium of Venice, is credited with receiving with consternation the news of the extension of the Landsturm service to all classes between the ages of eighteen and fifty years, while Rome is sponsor for the statement, attributed to a high German authority, that the German general staff has discarded all plans for an advance on the Franco front, deciding simply to remain on the defensive.

It is again unofficially announced that operations are under way in the Dardanelles, where the Turks are reported to be building defenses with all speed against landing parties, but the news of the breaking up of the ice at Archangel, the only large seaport on the north coast of Russia may induce the Entente Allies to be more deliberate in their attempts to unlock the gate to the Black Sea. The irritation in Holland over the torpedoing of the Dutch ship *Katwyk* has been greatly allayed by Germany's expression of her willingness to make an apology and pay an indemnity. It is found that the sinking of the vessel was due to a German submarine. Favoritism. There are many other instances where the agreement has been disregarded. "The other statements of Mr. Gutelius are equally untrue and it must be noted that he omits entirely to mention the fact that the brotherhood was willing to arbitrate and had applied for a board of conciliation. If Mr. Gutelius was not so anxious to hamper the movements of troops and munitions of war for the British Empire, he would surely have agreed to arbitrate the differences instead of threatening to fight the men who are only asking for a square deal.

"Mr. Gutelius knows that just previous to the outbreak of the war a strike was threatened and that the brotherhood, rather than cause any disturbance after the war began, submitted to the unfair treatment they were receiving, and it is only since many new indignities have been offered the men that they have been forced to stand or become annihilated. "If Mr. Gutelius wants to be half honest or decent in the matter he will agree to arbitrate and thus settle the dispute. If he will not agree to arbitration then the public will know that he is not fair and is afraid to submit his case to an independent tribunal."

Moncton, N. B., April 19.—There is nothing to report in regard to the strike threatened on I. C. R. by A. R. Mosher, grand president of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees. General Manager Gutelius is still in Montreal and members of the order here will say nothing on the situation. Mosher is expected to arrive in Moncton tomorrow and Mr. Gutelius is also expected here in a day or two.

### JAPAN'S ORDERS WILL ALLAY FEARS OF UNITED STATES

Orders Warships in Pacific Near American Coast to Return to Home Stations.

Washington, April 19.—Japan has ordered all her warships in Pacific waters near the American coasts, except those salvaging the wrecked cruiser *Asama*, in Turtle Bay, to return to their home stations. Advice to that effect were received today from Tokio at the Japanese embassy. The embassy also received word that the cruiser *Chitose* was the only vessel accompanying the repair ship working on the *Asama*. Commander Noble Irwin, of the cruiser *North Orleans*, had reported that one repair ship and two colliers were the only vessels in the bay.

### REPORTS OF DRINKING AMONG WORKMEN HAVE BEEN EXAGGERATED

London, April 19.—The moral example of King George in abolishing liquor from Buckingham Palace was commended by the Right Hon. Walter Runciman, president of the Board of Trade, who was the chief speaker at a public meeting tonight under Methodist auspices. Mr. Runciman, while not speaking for the government, said he had no doubt that the people and parliament would support temperance measures which in normal times might be considered too drastic. To accomplish permanent good they must strike not only at the system under which the trade was licensed but at the habits of the people. Herein lay the wisdom of the King in not depending on legislation. Drinking among the artisans had been much exaggerated, and investigation had failed to find a sudden increase, but with regard to the minority at fault Mr. Runciman declared that during the war the people of England were not going to stand on twice a point. If this class can't control their habits, we are going to assist them. Sir Robert Perks, who presided, urged equal treatment to all, and unanimous and prompt action.

### "TEDDY" DEFENDANT IN A LIBEL SUIT

Syracuse, N. Y., April 19.—The jury which will try William Barnes' suit for alleged libel against Theodore Roosevelt, was completed in the Supreme Court here late today. It is composed of seven Republicans, three Progressives and two Democrats. Counsel for Col. Roosevelt made a motion to dismiss the complaint against their client upon the ground that such allegations as he made in the statement upon which the suit is based, were privileged, and that in naming Mr. Barnes and Charles F. Murphy, of Tammany Hall, as the controllers of "rotten government" in the State of New York he did not mean anything personal, or to imply that either of the two men named had in any way profited by the alleged "rotteness." The motion was denied. Taking of testimony will begin tomorrow.