

Switzerland Isolated by Closing of German Frontier

NO TROOPS ABOARD THE LUSITANIA

Capt. Turner Emphatically Denies Ill-fated Liner Carried Soldiers.

LORD MERSEY RE-OPENS INVESTIGATION

Professor of Queen's University complains of treatment accorded survivors by Steamship Company.

London, July 1.—With the object of eliciting further information regarding some questions submitted to the British Board of Trade in the Lusitania inquiry, Baron Mersey held another public hearing here today.

Professor Marichal, of Queens University, Kingston, Ont., who stated he was a retired officer of the French army, created a diversion by complaining of the treatment accorded to rescued passengers of the Lusitania by the Cunard Company. He alleged the survivors had the greatest difficulty in obtaining dry clothes, food, accommodation or transportation.

Prof. Marichal also stated that the second explosion on the ship resembled the sound which would be caused by ammunition, "like a mixim gun." He also charged the company with indifference to the interests of passengers in carrying a dangerous cargo and criticized the manner of conducting rescue work.

Counsel of the Cunard Line then read a letter written by Prof. Marichal to the company after the disaster in which the writer asked that cash be advanced on his lost baggage or he would give evidence "not to the credit of the company or the Admiralty."

"Doesn't that imply you wanted money to keep your mouth closed?" asked Baron Mersey.

The witness explained that he meant he would bring a separate action apart from the inquiry unless he was paid, but he denied he remained silent at the inquiry for that reason.

Carried No Troops.

"I don't believe you," declared Lord Mersey.

The witness expressed indignation at such an interpretation of the letter but the presiding officer was unyielding and the professor left the stand in high anger.

One of the objects of re-opening the inquiry was for the purpose of reviewing the testimony relative to the state of collapsible boats. The evidence regarding these boats was largely technical as to whether they were capable of being used and if the skin had been removed.

Lord Mersey said the particular evidence he desired was whether the grips and lashings were lost the evidence regarding which was contradictory, but an expert stated if the lashings had been loose the boats would have floated from the deck when the ship sank.

Chief Carpenter Robinson being re-examined said that he himself had removed the lashings on eight lifeboats and saw that the remainder was being attended to by stewards.

He believed all the boats floated after the ship sank.

Captain Turner on being called was asked whether there were Canadian or other troops aboard the vessel.

He replied promptly: "None what ever."

A Board of Trade expert testified that a distance of 150 feet, with two bulkheads, separated the hold where the empty shell cases were stowed and the nearest point struck by the torpedo.

This testimony ended the inquiry.

Bank Clearings.

Clearings for the week ending June 30, 1915, \$1,039,146; corresponding week 1914, \$1,216,184.

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"NOW THAT WE KNOW THE TRUTH WE ARE GAME", IS SPIRIT OF THE BRITISH

Lloyd George's speech undecieved the people but did not frighten them—Ready now to go to any length of sacrifice.

(Special Correspondence of The Daily Standard.)

London, June 7.—Lloyd George's recent speech at Manchester not only illumined the gloom of the political atmosphere, it brought out in strong relief the invincible stolidity of the British characters. That stolidity is not due to dullness or carelessness.

It is not a matter of inherited racial instincts, for the British people are a mixture of many races. It is rather an acquired characteristic, a composed habit of mind springing partly from an unconquerable faith in their ability to muddle through, and partly from the compulsion of that spirit of tolerance born of training in self-government and close contact with peoples of many races and creeds.

Not always have the English been composed and tolerant. They have deposed kings, shot admirals, shown a sufficient capacity for extravagant emotion and ruthless action. But their stolidity, their composure, the result of their experience as an Empire-building people, trained in self-government and sports is now so much a part of their character that even Lloyd George's tragic speech did not disturb them.

A writer in the London Express described the Minister's utterances as "the most ghastly series of blasting 'might have been' of any statesman's penitential tongue or pen."

"But," he adds, "are we down-hearted that but for the over-English haphazard of the late and unlamented Administration we might now have peace in sight? Not a bit of it. On the contrary we have made a positive joy-day out of the occasion of Mr. Lloyd George's setting a torch to the late government's funeral pyre."

"The extraordinary part of it is we are not angry. We are deliciously grateful."

"If a prominent minister in any other State had made such a public confession, his audience would probably have torn him limb from limb."

"Mr. Lloyd George must have had a conscience quickened to some extent by a sense of participatory guilt when he made that astounding statement that ministers and generals may be guillotined, but till they are brought to the scaffold they must be obeyed."

Probably the absolute frankness of that amazing confession disarmed resentment. An attempt to excuse, or explain might have met with a cold reception. But the frank and open confession that the late government had played the game badly because it had not appreciated the magnitude of the game they were playing, straight-away appeal to the sporting spirit of the people. And because they are fair-minded they did not get angry and blame the government for not sooner realizing the nature of the game they were playing.

Undoubtedly it brought the government closer to the people, and paved the way for a quicker organization of the nation and the unravelling of a lot of red tape. At the close of Lloyd George's meeting in Liverpool when he repeated what he said in Manchester a murmur in the audience jumped up and exclaimed: "Now that we know the truth, we're game."

That is the spirit of the British. It is the government's greatest asset, the thing that above all else will, with wise leadership, play a decisive part in enabling Britain to beat Germany at her own game. At the present there is obviously no need of conscription for military service, and enough information has been made public to show that the late government's lack of organization and red tape methods of letting contracts is more responsible for the shortage of ammunition than the shortage of workers. Organization is more needed at the moment than any kind of compulsion. Certainly the situation will have to become very critical before the government resorts to conscription, as the angry protest in the House and the tone of influential newspapers shows that the idea of Prussianizing this country is very repugnant to many peoples.

SUFFERING OF GAS VICTIMS INTENSE

American Doctor describes tortures endured by victims of poisonous fumes—Little hope severe cases,

Boston, July 1.—How intensely the English soldiers suffer who have been "gassed" by the Germans, is described by an eyewitness, Dr. Charles S. Butler, 267 Newbury street, Boston, who recently saw several victims at the "Casino" Hospital in Boulogne. He writes:

At the "Casino" Hospital in Boulogne, when I visited it in May, some gas cases had died; many others had improved enough to permit their evacuation to England, but others were yet under treatment. The colonel, medical officer in charge, explained to me the early difficulties in devising treatment for them; as well as the sufferings of the men, during the week after being "gassed."

He said the mortality on the field of battle, in the trenches had been over 10 per cent, that those severe cases, surviving long enough to be removed by stretcher bearers, were blue or black in the face, gasping for breath and continually and painfully coughing from the poisonous gas irritation, and that if the stretchers were so lifted that their heads were lower than the legs and body, then the lung secretion poured in a stream from the patients' mouths.

When I passed through this hospital, delightfully situated on high ground overlooking the sea, the large, well-ventilated wards were a pleasure to enter; the wounded were cheerful and under good care of the English nursing sisters. We soon came to a bed almost entirely canopied, where we saw a man propped up, breathing in short, shallow, difficult breaths, as if the next would be his last. He, the medical officer said, was a mild case. His face slightly blue, his frequent cough and anxious expression made clear how he suffered. In reply to my question, he whispered with great difficulty that he was better today, but had much pain all round his chest, with every breath. Another soldier, a youth of eighteen years, showed worse effects, although "gassed" six days before. His face was a dusky hue, his breathing, or rather his gasping, was interrupted by painful coughing, and in a whisper he asked the doctor for something for greater relief.

The medical officer said that these cases, seen that day, were by comparison, mild; that many cases when first received from the front, were agonizing to watch; that no method of treatment could do more than partly relieve the acute sufferings, and that not one of these "gassed" soldiers had a scratch of wound on his skin. The

GERMAN TRADE WITH U.S. FOR PAST 5 MONTHS

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Berlin, July 1, via London.—During the first six months of this year there was exported to the United States and American possessions from Hamburg, Lubeck and Kiel goods to the value of \$1,153,000. Statistics on this trade for the first months of 1914 show the export of goods valued at \$14,994,000.

This information is taken from the first of the American consular reports on trade from Germany to the United States for the first half of the year. It was prepared by Consul-General Henry H. Morgan, of Hamburg.

NONE OF SHELLS USED BY FRANCE MADE IN STATES

Paris, July 1.—With reference to an interview published in America in which Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria was quoted as saying that fifty per cent of the shells used by the French were manufactured in the United States, the Ministry of War made to the Associated Press the following official statement:

"Neither now nor at any time since the beginning of the war has the French artillery made use of any shells whatsoever manufactured in the United States."

Denied by French Embassy at Washington.

Washington, July 1.—Flat contradiction of statements that American shells have been used to a large extent by the French, was contained in a statement issued today by the French embassy. It follows:

"Statements have appeared in the one thought of the men seemed to be that they had not had a fair chance to fight their enemy."

The treatment of the gas poisoning has varied in different hospitals. At the "Casino" at Boulogne, the patients have been kept in enclosed cages, under canopies and given oxygen and moist steam with menthol vapor. In severe cases the poison gases have probably destroyed the delicate lung tissues and little can be done for permanent cure.

SWISS-GERMAN FRONTIER CLOSED SINCE SUNDAY

Many Neutrals Prevented from Entering or Leaving Switzerland.

Geneva, via Paris, July 1.—The Swiss people are wondering what is happening on the other side of the Rhine. No German trains are arriving at Constance, and the Swiss railway, as a consequence, has been obliged to suspend its international service in this section. The Germans have suspended the steamer service on Lake Constance.

Swiss, as well as other neutrals, including Americans, have been unable to enter Switzerland, all being stopped at the frontier.

It is believed here that the Germans are sending large reinforcements through southern Germany from the Russian to the French front, and for this reason have put the usual restrictions on travel.

WURTTEMBERG BORDER CLOSED.

Paris, July 1.—The German frontier along the Swiss-Baden line has been closed since Sunday. The Wurttemberg border was closed today. Travelers who proceeded by boat from Switzerland to Friedrichshafen were reduced to the alternative of returning immediately or remaining in Germany for several days, possibly several weeks.

GERMANS MOVING TROOPS TO WEST

Closing of Frontier Attributed to Rushing of Teutonic Forces from Eastern Theatre Through Southern Germany to West.

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