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## Germany Denies Sinking Channel Steamer Sussex

But Admit They Did Sink a Steamer in the Region of the English Channel Where the Sussex Met Disaster—North West of Verdun Germans Endeavour to Capture Hill 304

### QUIET AROUND VAUX AND DOUAUMONT

Artillery Duels and Infantry Attacks Reported From Russian War Theatre—Italians Make Some Gains Over Austrians—Russian Advance Against Turks is Continuing—Turks Report a British Defeat Near Felahie

LONDON, April 13.—That a German submarine was not responsible for the damage to the French cross-channel ferry steamer Sussex, but that the Germans did sink a steamer in the region of the English Channel on the afternoon the Sussex met with disaster, are the statements contained in Germany's reply to the American Government's request for information concerning the Sussex. The steamer sunk is supposed to be a war vessel or mine layer, of the recently built Arabic class says the statement.

The Germans north-west of Verdun evidently are holding a leash over their infantry for fresh attacks, and their endeavors to capture Hill 304 and Le Mort Homme, key points which are tenaciously barring their way to the fortress. Their infantry has remained idle in their trenches, while the big guns are showering shells on the region embracing the triangle formed by Hill 304, Esnes and Le Mort Homme, not even a sally by the Germans in this district being reported in the latest French official communication. Comparative quiet prevails east of the Meuse around Douaumont and Vaux, where there has recently been such vicious fighting. Artillery has been less marked on both sides than previous days. Mining operations and grenade lighting have taken place in the Argonne Forest, during which the French have captured the southern edges of two craters near Les Courtes Chausées.

In the Russian theatre there have been artillery, duels and infantry attacks on various places.

On the Austro-Italian front the Italians have taken from the Austrians the heights north of Rionapate, and a strong line of trenches and redoubts on the southern slopes of

### Sending the Proof To Washington

PARIS, Apr. 12.—Fragments of the missile which damaged the cross-channel steamer Sussex, have been handed the American naval attaché and will be forwarded to Washington by the Poch, leaving France next Saturday. The Poch will not reach Washington before April 22nd. A report has indicated that the character of the fragments have already been cabled to the State Department, but ocular evidence furnished by the actual fragments is considered of such importance that they are being forwarded to the United States by the American Embassy.

It is understood several pieces are not merely shattered bits of metal, but bear certain inscriptions which are believed to constitute damaging evidence of a character to show where the missile came from.

### New British Steamer "Senator" Sunk

LONDON, April 12.—Lloyds announces that the Senator, a new British steamship, 3,497 tons, has been sunk. She was owned in Whitby.

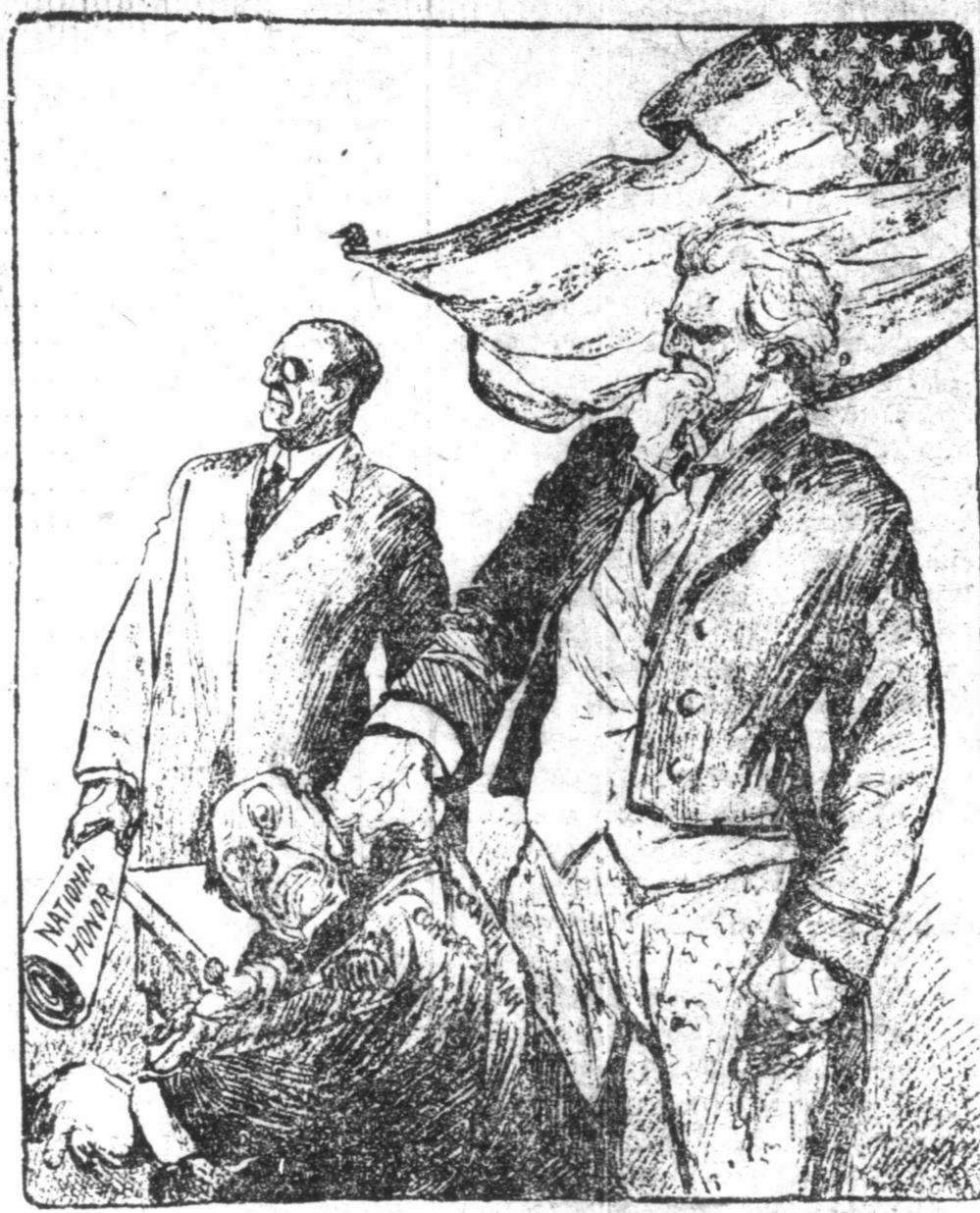
### No Warning Given

LONDON, Apr. 12.—According to a report received by Lloyds shipping agency, the Murjek was sunk without warning.

Monte Pari and Cinnadore, and on the rocks of Monte Sperone, the Austrians, suffering heavy casualties. Elsewhere along the line artillery duels continue.

A despatch from Salonika reports the recrudescence of artillery fighting on the Greek front between Givogel and Doiran.

In Asiatic Turkey Petrograd reports a continuation of the Russian advance west of Erzerum. The Turks, ever in the region of Bitlis, took the offensive against the invaders, but all their attacks were repulsed. Although the Turks report a serious defeat near Felahie of the British advancing to relief of General Townshend's force, a despatch said to have been received in South Africa from General Townshend, saying he was well and expecting relief shortly.



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## Don't Believe Huns Have Super-Subs

Naval Authorities Point Out There is no Evidence Germans Have New Type Submarine—Officials Not Greatly Worried Over Destruction of Tonnage

LONDON, April 13.—The Germans are not using either super-submarines or under water boats without periscopes in their new campaign, according to best informed Navy Authorities here. It was pointed out to-day in naval sources that German submarines were following their usual course and that there is no evidence that they are able to travel any greater distance than previously was the case, or able to stay out any longer. The chief difference of the new campaign, according to British Naval Officials, lies in the fact that more ships are being torpedoed without warning. This development was not unexpected by Naval Authorities who predicted a greater loss in ships as the season advanced. Admiralty officials evidently are not greatly worried over the destruction of tonnage asserting that additional mercantile tonnage can be built by a system of adjustment, which will not interfere with the British Naval programme.

## Huns Pause To Fill Up Their Gaps

Another Lull Falls on Verdun—General Petain Feels Satisfied the Way the Fight is Going—May Press Counter on Large Scale

PARIS, April 13.—Another lull has fallen on the Verdun battle-field, as the Germans have been obliged to pause in order to fill up gaps in their ranks, to replace damaged guns, and to bring up munitions preparatory to further onslaughts. General Petain, is said to be quite satisfied, as long as the Germans go on losing three times as many men as the French for unimportant results, as he knows that he has ample reserves to press a counter attack on a large scale when the opportunity comes, and his stocks of munitions are practically inexhaustible.

### States Not Satisfied With Britain's Reply

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Secretary Lansing announced late to-day that Britain's Note as to the seizure of 38 Austrians, Germans and Turks from the American steamer China, near Shanghai, does not close the case to the satisfaction of the United States.

### Food Situation Serious in Turkey

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Government official information is that the food situation in Turkey is serious. Little hope is entertained of securing concession from the Entente Allies for the shipment of supplies, although measures to increase Red Cross work are being discussed.

## St. John's Municipal Council TENDERS

ADDRESSED TO the undersigned and Marked "TENDER FOR STONE," will be received until Friday next, 14th inst., at 4 p.m., for the supply of 4,000 TONS QUARRY SPAULS, viz:— 2,000 tons to be delivered at the West End Crusher; 2,000 tons to be delivered at the East End Crusher. The Spauls to be delivered at the rate of approximately thirty (30) tons every day. The Council is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order, JNO. L. SLATTERY, Sec'y. Treas.

## Canadians Inflict Heavy Losses on Huns at St. Eloi

Preparations Are Now Being Made To Secure A Large Number Of Canadian Wounded In Hospitals—Exact Casualties Are Not Known.

LONDON, April 13.—A War Office communication issued to-night says: "Last night we made a small but successful raid on enemy trenches near Richebourg Avous. Ten Germans were killed. The enemy last night made three successive attacks west of the Pilkem-Ypres Road. The first gained a footing in our trenches but were quickly turned. The other attacks were repulsed. The Germans leaving about 25 dead in front of our trenches, and three prisoners in our hands. We bombarded the enemy trenches in this area.

"To-day, there was considerable artillery activity northwest of Wytschaets and some shelling about Souchez, Carocny and Colonne. Behind St. Eloi there has been heavy hostile shelling, but little shelling on the front lines of craters. It is now established that the gallant fighting of the Canadians in the neighborhood inflicted heavy losses on the enemy during last week.

LONDON, April 13.—Although casualties resulting from last week's attacks on craters at St. Eloi are not known, yet every preparation is being made on this side in reception of large number of Canadian wounded who are expected to arrive shortly at Folkestone and other Canadian hospitals.

## Germans Launch Attack Left Bank Of the Meuse

PARIS (via St. Pierre), April 12.—On the left bank of the Meuse the Germans this morning launched an attack using flaming liquid jets against our positions of Callette Wood, between Mort Homme and Cumieres. The enemy was repulsed everywhere. On the right bank there has been great artillery activity between Douaumont and Vaux, but the enemy during the night, did not renew his attacks. It is confirmed that the very violent offensive action launched yesterday on that sector at 4 p.m., and which we have repulsed, has cost the enemy very heavy losses. The night was relatively calm on the rest of the front.

### Russian Sailing Vessel Sunk

BARCELONA, April 13.—The Russian sailing vessel Imperator has been torpedoed by an Austrian submarine in the Mediterranean.

### The New Charter

The Citizens' Committee appointed to consider the new Municipal Charter, met last night in the Board of Trade Rooms. The attendance was large and great interest was evinced, and many speeches were made, but nothing of a tangible nature done. Mr. H. E. Cowan proposed a resolution to the effect that in the opinion of the Committee there was not time to fully consider the charter and that the matter of considering the government of the City in the meantime, if the measure did not pass in the Legislature, would be dealt with and a report forwarded the Government. Mr. A. Soper was elected Chairman, Mr. W. A. O'D. Kelly, Vice-Chairman; Mr. W. Smith, Secretary, and Mr. J. M. Devine Asst. Secretary. Proposals that the Legislature stay further consideration of the Bill till the Committee could report, and to consider the various paragraphs were withdrawn and Mr. Cowan's proposition alluded to above was carried. Election by wards was strongly advocated, and after some other business was taken up in connection with the charter it was decided to meet next Friday night at the same place.

Capt. George Hearn, who was in the lost Idalia has been appointed master of the Mildred, as Capt. Rendell is staying ashore to go up for a master's certificate.

## Petain Succeeds In Beating Off German Attack

### Carranza Tells "Sam" To Get Out

MEXICO CITY, April 13.—The Mexican Government has sent to its Ambassador in Washington a Note to be delivered this morning to Secretary of State Lansing, asking American troops be withdrawn from Mexican territory and that pursuit of Villa be left to the Mexican Constitutional Army.

### Would Deprive Dukes Of Their Peerage

LONDON, April 12.—Swift McNeill suggested in the Commons to-day that an Act be passed depriving the traitorous Dukes of Cumberland and Albany, cousins of King George, serving with the German army, of their British peerage. Premier Asquith replied that he did not believe that the time of the House would be employed profitably with such legislation, as the Dukes already had been expelled from the Order of the Garter. Sir Arthur Markham said such a bill would pass in three minutes.

### Swede Steamer Sunk

LONDON, April 12.—The Swedish steamer Murjek sank yesterday, following an explosion on board the vessel. The crew landed. She sailed from Philadelphia on March 4th for Narvik. The Murjek was 351 feet long, 4,144 tons gross, built in 1912, and owned in Stockholm.

### British Army in France

LONDON, April 13.—A "Daily News" despatch from Paris states that a French bulletin says the British Army in France, which numbered but sixty thousand in August of 1914, now numbers 2,500,000.

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**Again Buying Horses in U. S.**

KANSAS CITY, Apr. 13.—British Army Officers have resumed purchase of horses in Kansas City market today after a lapse of six months. It is announced six hundred mules have been shipped from here to New Port News to be loaded for Europe.

**Expects To Be Relieved Shortly**

JOHANNESBURG, Apr. 12.—Sir Lionel Phillips, a leading South African gold mine operator, announced to-day that he had received a cable dated last Friday, from Major Genl. Charles Townshend, commander of the British troops besieged at Kut-el-Amara, stating he was well and expected to be relieved shortly.

**Razor Bullets**

LONDON, April 13.—The Crown Prince's army is using razor bullets in Verdun, each bullet weighs the eighth of an ounce, has a triangular steel blade as sharp as a razor, which makes an ugly wound, and one difficult to heal.

**Well Known Author Dead**

MOUNT KISCO, N.Y., April 12.—Richard Harding Davis, author and war correspondent died here last night of heart trouble.